

**AFL 2nd Front Rally Tomorrow**  
AFL leaders and win-the-war Congressmen will join together here tomorrow night in raising their voices for an immediate second front.  
The event calls for a packed audience at the Cosmopolitan Opera House, 133 West 55th St., New York City.  
All unionists are urged to attend this rally.  
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## F.D.R. JOLTS DEFEATISTS IN CONGRESS

By FRANK RHYLICK  
(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—The machinery of Congress, despite the steady sniping of obstructionists, was set into action today by administration supporters seeking to comply swiftly with President Roosevelt's request for authority to stabilize food costs as part of a total war economy.

### F.D.R. Meets Challenge of U.S. Quislings

By Milton Howard

In calling upon the American people to help him break the economic bottleneck created by disruptive Congressional cliques, President Roosevelt is meeting the challenge of an anti-victory quiescent conspiracy of the widest proportions.

The issue in this fight is not merely inflation. The real issue is the war itself, and the execution of the government's policy of crushing the Axis without mercy or "negotiated peace."

President Roosevelt knows that winning the war is the real issue in this fight. His enemies in the House and the Senate know it.

The people should know it and organize immediately in support of the President.

#### VEILED THREATS

Veiled threats of violence, disobedience, and even civil war are ominously yesterday from the camp of President Roosevelt's political antagonists.

To the urgent message of the President urging a stop to economic chaos, Senator Taft of Ohio rang back the arrogant challenge of insurrectionary disobedience in the midst of war. He said:

"... I should not hesitate to advise any man that his patriotic duty is to refuse obedience of any order issued under these powers."

This confirms the belief of observers that behind the economic sabotage of certain powerful Congressional cliques there is a deep-seated conspiracy against a victory by the United States, in alliance with Britain and the Soviet Union, over Nazi Germany.

President Roosevelt himself indicated his belief that the six-month butchery of his original seven-point economic plan by his Congressional enemies is aimed at the entire war program of the nation.

The President warned: "We are fighting a war of survival. Nothing can yield to the overall necessity of winning this war, and the winning of the war will be imperiled by a runaway domestic economy."

It was to this plain truth, that Senator Taft retorted with threats of disobedience.

#### QUISLING SCHEME

Taft, a notorious friend of the America First Committee and its Lindbergh viewpoint, has placed on his banner of revolt the charge that the President's action spells "dictatorship." He declared that "the elections, might as well be postponed."

But allied with Taft in Congress is a handful of reactionary politicians who exercise, through their control of House and Senate Committees, a virtual dictatorship over

As the notorious appeaser and pro-fascist Representative Hamilton (Ham) Fish of New York, jumped publicly into action on this issue, attacking the President as a "dictator," steps were taken toward introduction of a bill by Thursday to permit the

fixing of farm prices at 100 per cent of parity—instead of the 110 per cent ceiling set by the so-called "farm bloc," which represents monopoly farming interests.

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The American Federation of Labor, he said, "supports the President's program to stabilize the cost of living for the duration of the war."

"Government control of farm prices should be fair and just to the nation's farmers and we are willing to support them in bringing that about."

"Stabilization of wages would be accompanied by safeguards against inequalities and injustices."

"We feel confident that the President's program seeks to protect farmers and industrial workers while, at the same time, preventing ruinous inflation."

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Democratic Senator Brown of Michigan, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Price Control of the Senate Banking and Currency Committee, said he would sponsor the bill jointly with Senator Wagner of New York, a strong administration lieutenant.

In talking with reporters, Brown said the bill also would include authority for the President to stabilize wages, with the possibility that provisions setting a post-war floor below wages would likewise be included.

It apparently is Brown's intention that the authority to stabilize wages merely would be congressional sanction of the administration's wage stabilization policies, without any attempt to legislate wage controls—long an objective dear to the heart of reaction.

The purpose of Brown's proposal would be to provide a political answer to farm bloc senators who ask why Congress should do anything about farm prices without at the same time acting on wages.

There is a danger, however, that anti-administration forces will seek to extend Brown's proposal into one of rigid legislative control. Labor must be on guard against this.

Discussing the possibility of a floor under post-war wages, Brown pointed out that the President had suggested such a post-war floor under farm prices. It would be no more than fair, he added, to guarantee to labor that the bottom will not drop out of its wage structure after the war.

"The minimum wage provisions

## CHURCHILL PROMISES INVASION OF EUROPE

### Back President's Plan, CIO Tells Congress

The President's 7-point economic program, as reiterated in his message to Congress, was set up yesterday as a yardstick for New York Congressional candidates in a statement issued by Joseph Curran and Saul Mills, president and secretary of the Greater New York CIO Council.

The CIO officials also praised the President's fiscal chat and his announcement that a large scale offensive action against Hitler was in preparation.

The Greater New York Council, it was announced, is calling upon all CIO unions and their members immediately to demand support for the President's program from their respective Congressmen.

"Any Congressional candidate who wants the support of the 500,000 members of the CIO in Greater New York

will have to support the President's program wholeheartedly in both letter and spirit," the Curran-Mills statement declared.

Pointing out also that Labor was ready to accept stabilization of wages as an inseparable part of the whole program, the statement said:

"Between now and Oct. 1, which is the deadline the President has wisely set for Congress to act, the people of the United States will have opportunity to observe who in Congress is for winning the war above all else, and who is for something else above winning the war."

It was announced that the CIO Council's Non-Partisan Political Activities Committee would meet next week to make recommendations to the next Council meeting on Sept. 17 on Congressional and other can-

didates. Meanwhile, all candidates will be canvassed on the President's program.

The full statement follows:

"The President has asked the Congress of the United States to act to win the war. That is the long and short of his message and the policy of the CIO in Greater New York on the President's program is clear. We back him all the way."

"Not only has the President given statesmanlike leadership to the nation in an hour of crisis, but he has joined the issue for the coming Congressional elections. Any Congressional candidate who wants the support of the 500,000 members of the CIO in Greater New York will have to support the President's program

### Tells Parliament Of Stalin Talks

Preparations for the opening of the Second Front in Europe are in an advanced stage. We are coming closer to the actual launching of the invasion of the Continent from the West.

This was revealed in the broadcast to the people by President Roosevelt Monday night and by Prime Minister Churchill's speech in Commons yesterday.

In his war review the Prime Minister stressed that the Commando raid on Dieppe was preliminary to much larger operations. Neither speech revealed that the

Highlights of Roosevelt and Churchill speeches appear on page 4.

problems of timing and of the scope of the Second Front had been finally settled.

Today the strategy of Great Britain and the United States in Europe, President Roosevelt said, is based on the firm understanding that:

(a) The power of Germany must be broken on the battlefields of Europe.

(b) The military decisions already taken are aimed at taking the offensive.

(c) Final victory will be won by the coordination of the power of all the United Nations acting in unison.

It was also revealed simultaneously in London and Washington that at a secret Anglo-American military conference held in London in July, decisions were taken for joint action.

In his remarks, Churchill explained that full agreement between Britain and the United States existed since July on the manner of waging the global war. At the same time, he indicated, he could not "convince" Stalin during the recent Moscow conversations that the obstacles to the immediate opening of the Second Front were "insurmountable."

At Stalingrad yesterday the Nazi army of one million men which had been thrown wildly into the desperate effort to take the city was still being stalled by the determined defenders.

The significant addresses by the leaders of the United States and Britain spurred the vast second front movement in both countries to greater action. Labor and the people, encouraged by indications that the Second Front was coming closer, prepared to intensify their movement of support to the win-the-war policy and to raise even more sharply their demand that a full-scale second front be opened immediately.

**Postpone Trial Of 6 Harlem Youths**

The trial of six Negro youths in the Harlem "roof-top attack" case was postponed in General Sessions Court, Part II, today, when defense attorneys moved for an adjournment. Sept. 22, 1942 was set by the court as the new trial date. All defendants are still held without bail.

## CIO Electrical Union Votes By 2-1 for 2nd Front Now

By George Morris

(Daily Worker Staff Correspondent)

CLEVELAND, O., Sept. 8.

A resolution calling for the "immediate opening of a Western Front" was passed today by the majority of 1,417 to 623 on a roll-call vote of the delegates at the eighth annual convention of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers after an all-out debate of more than two hours.

The debate, one of the first full-dress discussions on the issue at a major union convention, gave clear evidence how the country's key war production workers stand.

The position for the majority was led by the union's officers who called for such action in their report. The minority position was led by James B. Carey, ex-president of the UE, now national secretary of the CIO.

**ADOPT ECONOMIC PROGRAM**

Action on the second front came after the convention took another equally important step with adoption of a program on war economy directed to meet the serious problems now developing in the production machinery.

The latter resolution, adopted with but three voice votes against it, urges the establishment of a single National Government Production Authority, with labor and employers holding equal status, with "full responsibility for planning and policy on these production questions."

This resolution was adopted after an address by the union's Washington representative, Ross Nixon, and reports from a number of delegates evaluating the work of the joint management labor production committees and plant problems.

This morning the convention heard in closed session a report by James Madley, UE Organization Director, on the union's successful negotiations which brought wage increases and maintenance of membership provisions for the bulk of the membership. The demonstrations of cheers and applause for Madley broke through the closed doors bore testimony to the ability of the UE's leadership to protect the welfare of the mem-



**Axis Ship Bombed:** Here's a close one. A British Sunderland Flying Boat drops a bomb near the bow of an Axis supply ship in the Mediterranean. The Axis merchant ship was on its way to Rome's forces in Africa.

### Repudiate or Else, Say Police to Petitioners

Detectives of the regular police force in the city of Hudson, in Columbia County, are accompanying American Legionnaires in their terror drive to compel signers of the Communist nominating petition to "repudiate" their signatures.

Furthermore, the County Sheriff, Milton V. Saulpaugh, is reported to have intervened in at least one case in an effort to force a "repudiation" of a signature.

Legion leaders in the state are trying to force signers of the Communist Party Independent nominating petition in various counties to "repudiate" their signature on the ground that they "did not know what they had signed." If they can get sufficient "repudiations" to bring the number of signatures remaining down to less than fifty in any one county of the state, the entire Communist petition will be thrown out. The petition contains a minimum of 200 signatures from each county, and has been already certified by the Secretary of State.

The Legion is demanding in the courts that the petition be thrown out. A hearing will take place on the Legion's objections before State Supreme Court Justice Francis Bergan in Schoharie next Monday.

Women in Hudson were hysterical and the town in turmoil as Legionnaires Brown, Hardy and Kreitzman, accompanied by detective Carbine of the Hudson police, went from home to home, threatening people that they'd be arrested if they

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### First 'T' Broadcast Tomorrow

The most extensive Communist election campaign in New York's history gets fully under way tomorrow night, when Israel Amter, the party's candidate for Governor, sounds the opening gun in the first of a series of election broadcasts over Station WQXR.

The Communist nominee will go on at 10 o'clock.

Featured under the slogan: "Tuesdays and Thursdays at Ten!" 16 Communist broadcasts will be delivered over WQXR, between tomorrow night and Nov. 2, under the auspices of the N. Y. State Election Campaign Committee of the Party. The broadcasts will keep New Yorkers comprehensively informed of the developments in the campaign.

(Special to the Daily Worker)

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### Nazis Being Worn Down in South

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

MOSCOW, Sept. 8.—The titanic battles in the south continue unabated. The Red Army, defending itself against the ceaseless, dogged Nazi attacks, continues to wear down the German hordes. Red Star, Soviet Army organ, emphasized that this is the only way to bring about the rout of the Nazi invaders. The paper declares that as long as the enemy preserves his manpower it will be impossible to score a victory.

This thesis, which has become one of the underlying principles of Soviet tactics in the present war today, is most characteristic of the battle for Stalingrad. Fearing to look back, the Nazi Command is pressing all available reserves of manpower and material into the battle, dispatching badly needed forces from the other sectors of the front.

The enemy is however meeting with no success on that front. During the last 24 hours, the German forces have been repulsed in several attacks.

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## British Union Congress Seeks Joint Output Bodies

By Alan Winnington

(By Wireless to the Daily Worker)

LONDON, Sept. 8.—Gentlemen of Big Business who know as much about the technical factors involved in obtaining production increases as elephants know about Einstein were flayed today as the Trades Union Congress in Blackpool—British seaside resort—got down to the question of the union's role in boosting output.

The Congress, amid cheers, passed a resolution for workers' representation on the boards of management, despite the opposition of the powerful General Transport Union. The majority was 193,000. This vote was, however, more a condemnation of the Government's war organization than a detailed approval of the resolution.

Special significance is attached to this defeat of the General Transport Workers Union, as that union,

of which Ernest Bevin, now Minister of Labor, is the former leader, was mainly responsible for yesterday's sorry exhibition at the opening of the Congress when a motion to admit Communists to the local trades union councils was turned down by an extremely narrow majority, only 2,550,000 votes against 2,137,000.

The conference was attended by 700 delegates, representing 230 unions and an affiliated membership of 5,500,000 workers.

The opening was also conspicuous for the reactionary nature of Chairman Frank Woltoncroft's remarks about the German people.

Arthur Horner, President of the South Wales Miners Federation, emphasized that the setting up of joint production machinery is only the beginning of the workers' production efforts. They needed not only to convince the management

that the workers could make fruitful suggestions but also convince the workers themselves that such effort is needed.

Increased production is not a matter of working harder and longer, he said, but a matter of intelligent organization.

In a reference to the coal situation, Horner declared that a certain increase in coal production is possible, but a coal shortage would exist this winter.

"The miners will give mind and body to greater production," he said, "but people must economize."

Jack Tanner, leader of the Engineers (Mechanics and Machinists) Union, stressed that the country still lacks a central plan for production. He accused the vested interests of still being entrenched in control. Furthermore, too much time, he said, is still devoted to planning for post-war trade.

## Anti-Poll Tax Champions in Congress Confident of Victory

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—Leaders of the anti-poll tax movement in Congress were confident tonight that tomorrow the House will pass by an overwhelming majority the Ramsay bill which will give soldiers the right to vote without paying poll taxes.

House passage will complete action on this bill and thus drive the first important wedge into the poll-tax system which deprives millions of southerners, Negro and white, of the right to vote.

At the same time, a last minute drive was under way to time passage of the Ramsay Bill with completion of the petition to bring the broader Geyer Bill, which would eliminate the poll tax for all citizens up on the House floor.

There are now 200 signatures on the discharge petition, and a concerted effort will be made to get the 18 remaining signatures required while the Ramsay Bill is before the House tomorrow.

A meeting of Democratic Congressmen to line up additional signatures was held this afternoon in the office of Rep. Knute Hill, Washington Democrat. Congressmen at the meeting agreed to try tonight and tomorrow to get at least 15 signatures. At the same time a meeting of Republican Congressmen to consider this question was held in the office of Rep. Usher Burdick, North Dakota Republican.

Representatives of the National Committee to Abolish the Poll Tax, the United Electrical and Radio Workers, the CIO Maritime Committee and the National Negro Congress were also active throughout the day in lining up signatures of Congressmen on the Geyer discharge petition.

Although there was no anti-poll

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### Mr. Newsdealer:

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You can help your dealer by depositing complete coupon books each week. Your paper will then be available daily.

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# ON THE FRONT

By  
a Veteran Commander

## Von Bock Shifts Again

FOR the third time since the assault against Stalingrad started Field Marshal von Bock has shifted his thrust-point. This should not be interpreted as a sign of weakness or indecision because the constant probing and shifting of the so-called Schwerpunkt (center of gravity, or thrust-point) is an integral part of modern German battle tactics. However, it is clear that when an attack is progressing successfully at a certain point no commander is going to drop that point and start all over somewhere else.

As a matter of fact that huge assault on Stalingrad has not been going as well as the Germans hoped it would.

In the northwest Timoshenko is attacking far in the German rear, at the confluence of the Khoper and the Don. This is a development of the Kletskaya counter-blow on a broader and deeper front.

In the southwest the Germans have been stopped for five days now.

Thwarted on both arms of his so-called pincers against Stalingrad, von Bock is now striking frontally from the west and attacking the positions of the Soviet troops which are based on the Yablonski Hills around which the belt-railway runs. This is the sector between the Stalingrad-Moscow and Stalingrad-Rostov railroads and the Rakhovka and Voroshilov Highways. Voroshilov is an historically well known junction in this sector (from Civil War days).

Fifteen hundred dive bombers are pacing the frontal attack of the German troops.

The enemy has made a penetration in one sector but does not seem to be able to exploit it.

At Novorossiysk there has been a new Soviet withdrawal while at Mordok the battle seems to be a draw so far.

One thing can be said with assurance: things are not progressing smoothly as far as the Germans are concerned. They are getting more than they bid for, whatever the outcome of the southern campaign, and they are very late, to boot.

Stalingrad, dead or alive, has already gained a month for the United Nations and the Middle East. In two or three weeks the snow should be thick in the passes of the Caucasus.

THE Chinese fronts have flared up with activity in two more places. Besides continuing their offensive along both ends of the Kiangsi-Chekiang railway and striking at Canton, the Chinese are attacking both north-south railroads held by the Japanese. The operations center around the Peking-Nanking railway about 100 miles north of Nanking and on the Peiping-Hankow railway about 100 miles north of Hankow. Chiang seems to be aiming at the isolation of the entire Japanese army group on the lower and middle Yangtze.

After Rommel's retreat to his initial positions, the battle of Egypt has gone into a lull. It is now possible to say that Rommel's attempt at launching an offensive was a fizzle.

The most significant part of the air operations over Western Europe was the brilliant performance of U. S. Flying Fortresses which in a daylight sweep fought off and destroyed 12 German Fock-Wulf 190's without loss to themselves.

The Japanese have managed to land some reinforcements in the Solomons which shows how precarious our hold on the islands is after a month of fighting and consolidating.

# Communists Urge Unity Behind Vargas Brazil Displays Might on Nat'l Holiday

(Daily Worker Foreign Department)

Fifty thousand Brazilian soldiers and sailors paraded in Rio de Janeiro Monday night, marking the 120th anniversary of her independence from Portugal. Reviewing the parade were President Getulio Vargas, former Argentine president; Augustin P. Justo, Nelson Rockefeller, co-ordinator of inter-American affairs and other officials.

Thousands of citizens lined the streets demonstrating their unity to the Axis and their support of the anti-Axis steps taken by the Vargas government.

For members of the executive committee of the outlawed pro-fascist "Green Shirts" (Integralistas) were arrested during the night by police.

The presence of General Justo, former president of Argentina, at the demonstration is of great significance for Brazil, Argentina, and all Latin-America in the anti-Axis struggle. Justo is a member of the Concordancia party of which the present pro-fascist Argentine president, Ramon S. Castillo, is a member. His appearance in Brazil, offering his services to Brazil for the duration if needed, indicates a sharp cleavage in the ranks of Castillo's own party against his pro-fascist "neutrality" policy.

Thirty thousand persons greeted Justo when he arrived at a Brazilian air port Sunday.

United Press reports from Rio de Janeiro that "a number of Communists were arrested during the night" of the demonstration, but does not indicate who these so-called Communists were. If they were members of the illegal Communist Party of Brazil such an action would indicate serious overtures of the anti-democratic tendencies which still keep Luis Carlos Prestes, great Brazilian democratic leader, in prison.

Many Brazilians who have been exiled in Uruguay for many years are leaving tomorrow for Brazil under an amnesty granted by the Vargas government.

Exiles of all political beliefs without exception presented themselves at the Brazilian legation when they heard the news of Brazil's declaration of war against the Axis and declared themselves unconditionally at the orders of President Vargas to serve their fatherland.

In an interview with the newspaper *Diario Popular* here Dr. Pimentel Brandao, Brazilian delegate to the Permanent Committee for Continental Defense said that Brazilian President Vargas wanted national unity in the war against the Axis.

"President Vargas wishes to govern with the majority of the Brazilians. This is the policy of our government in the situation of war against the Axis. The president is seeking the cooperation of all the citizens in the war effort of Brazil, and to that end considers that he has no political enemy who cannot again be his political friend."

## Slav Guerrilla Head Raps Gov't-in-Exile

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

MOSCOW, Sept. 8.—Mistakes of the Yugoslav Government-in-Exile were deplored by Colonel Sava Orovic, member of the High Command of the Guerrillas and Volunteer Army, now fighting against the fascist occupation forces in Yugoslavia, in a broadcast Sept. 4 over station "Free Yugoslavia."

The Yugoslav Government-in-Exile has again issued an edict depriving several patriotic guerrilla officers of their rank. Colonel Orovic most emphatically opposed this practice. On some occasions the Yugoslav government has issued orders from London depriving of rank even former people's heroes who had already sacrificed their lives for their country in fighting against the Nazis.

Worse yet, the Government-in-Exile has on the other hand bestowed high rank and distinction on "Fifth Column" monsters who betrayed the people and are serving the occupation rulers, Colonel Orovic said.

VERDICT OF HISTORY

It may be said here that Colonel Orovic refers to the Yugoslav army leader, General Draja Mihailovich, so-called anti-fascist,



Marshall Inspects Troops in Iceland: The Chief of Staff of the U. S. Army is shown reviewing our forces in the North Atlantic outpost recently.

## The Dieppe Raid Nazis Can't Hold Off Invasion, Soviets Say

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

MOSCOW, Sept. 8.—The Dieppe commando raid, though on a small scale, clearly exposed the weakness of the Nazi forces on the western front, Red Fleet, Soviet Navy paper reports in article by its naval correspondent.

"Can the Germans hope to stem a larger Allied force and prevent it from effecting an invasion when it actually takes place?" the Red Fleet article emphasizes, when they "couldn't even prevent the approach of a relatively small Allied naval formation."

On the same subject of the second front the Soviet Army paper, *Red Star*, recalls that in 1914 the necessity of strengthening eastern front resulted in Germany losing the battle of the Marne and fundamentally changed the character of the struggle. Offensive action at the time upset the whole strategy of the German command and ended its victorious onrush, *Red Star* shows.

WHAT DIEPPE PROVED

At Dieppe, the Red Fleet article says, "a comparatively small detachment of Allied troops numbering some 15,000 on a fortified coast, captured and held the beaches for several hours and returned safely after fulfilling their assignment. Allied washups and transports came with in five-eighths of a mile of the French coast, lowered invasion craft to hold 15,000 fully equipped soldiers, tanks, and artillery without fearing the resistance of the German navy."

"Indeed no German warships, nor even sufficient aircraft were present to prevent the approach of Allied vessels."

"This fact is all the more important since the entire operation was carried out in broad daylight with good visibility and the Germans cannot even advance the excuse of a stealthy approach and a sudden attack."

"Dieppe glaringly demonstrates the weakness of German naval and air arm in this sector of the Atlantic," Red Fleet emphasizes.

The outcome of the Marne operation of Sept. 1914 was decided "in great measure by the Russian offensive in eastern Prussia," *Red Star* points out.

Following the serious defeat suffered by the Allies in the frontier battle of Aug. 20, 1914, the situation was saved not only by the mistakes of the German command but

## Japanese in New Guinea Break Through

GEN. MACARTHUR'S HEAD-QUARTERS, Australia, Sept. 8 (UP).—Japanese forces have seized the initiative in New Guinea, and jungle-trained invasion troops were reported swarming tonight towards a gap in the Owen Stanley Mountain Range about 50 miles from Port Moresby, the main Allied base north of Australia.

Despite bitter Allied aerial strafing, Japanese land forces had enveloped Allied patrols around Kokoda, half way between Buna and Port Moresby, and had driven them back around Myola, about eight miles to the south and 4,000 feet above Kokoda.

Reports here indicated that the Australian ground forces here holding defense positions about half way up the north side of the mountain range, after inflicting at least 1,000 casualties on the Japanese since they started their Port Moresby push Sept. 1.

These heavy losses indicated that the Japanese were attacking on the largest scale yet attempted in New Guinea.

## The Soviet Front Isn't Paris--Nazis Give Up

By K. M. Merzanov  
Soviet War Correspondent

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

ON THE SOUTHERN FRONT

MOSCOW, Sept. 8.—Living in France they considered the war over as far as they were concerned. But the power, smoke, and thunder of exploding shells on the Soviet-German front reached even the distant suburbs of Paris.

The 123rd German tank division arrived on the Soviet-German front from Paris at a time when Soviet troops were withdrawing to the south. Starting operations with 250 tanks, the 123rd division reached the area of Mineralnye-Vody towards the middle of August with only 80 machines. The Nazi sub-machine gunners suffered increasingly heavier losses which further increased their desire for the career life of Paris.

A group of sub-machine gunners of the 123rd division was given orders to ford a mountain stream and reconnoiter the hamlet situated beyond it. Headed by Oberleuten-

ant Ksaver Felman 16 Parisian Germans set out one rainy night for the river, waded across and moved towards the hamlet. Encountering heavy rifle and machine gun fire they succeeded in taking a Red Army man prisoner and headed back for the river.

But the heavy downpour, lasting all night and day, raised the water level and made it impossible to get across. For four days the Germans crouched in the shrubs, tired and hungry. The Red Army prisoner persuaded the German soldier Otto Bener to escape with him.

On reaching his subdivision the Red Army man reported what had happened. A few hours later seven Red Army men appeared in the shrubs and the Germans surrendered, without a word and without firing a single shot.

They told of numerous divisions stationed in western France that had unexpectedly been transferred to the east in June, disclosed all they knew about General von Kleist's group which included their division, and spoke of their heavy tank losses with a sigh.

# Soviet Students Fill Heroes List as Fighters, Civilians

By S. Kaftanov  
Chairman of Comm. on Higher Schools

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

MOSCOW, Sept. 8.—From the first days of the patriotic war, the Soviet students and scientists in the universities occupied a place in the front ranks of the country's defenders against the German fascist hordes. The number of students who volunteered for service was so great that in many big cities as Moscow, Leningrad, Sverdlovsk and others, the local war commissaries were compelled to close their lists.

In July, 1941, tens of thousands of students, professors and teaching staffs joined the People's Guard detachments formed in all the cities of the Soviet Union. In Leningrad University alone 2,500 students and teachers volunteered for the front, among them Professor of Astronomy Ogorodnikov, the dean of the biological department Professor Solodtchenko, Assistant Professor Lukyanov and others.

## STUDENT HEROES

A brilliant page in the history of the struggle against the German-Finnish gangs was inscribed by the students of Leningrad's Institute of Physical Culture. Sky raids behind the enemy's lines and brilliantly carried out reconnaissance operations won them countrywide fame.

Many fighters on the Leningrad front are familiar with the exploits of Gaidullin, a fourth-year student of the Leningrad Engineering Institute. A volunteer at the front, Gaidullin showed his mettle fighting with paratroops on the Karelian front. Recently back from the hospital, Gaidullin is again fighting the enemy. The Order of the Red Banner decorates his breast.

Near Kingisepp, not far from Leningrad, a battery crew is formed entirely of students of the Institute of Precision and Optical Instruments with Halperin, an assistant professor of this institute, as commander. The Soviet students are well represented in the

numerous guerrilla detachments fighting in the enemy rear.

## SUPREME COURAGE

The students of the Pskov Pedagogical Institute, who joined local partisan detachments, not only excelled by their heroism and valor, but enjoy tremendous prestige among the partisans as bold organizers, as genuine people's avengers. Supreme courage and ingenuity in choosing methods of struggle against the Hitler gangs were revealed by the student guerrillas in the Bryansk region, in the forests of the Poltava region and in other temporarily occupied districts.

On the labor front as well, Soviet professors, teachers and students play a prominent part. When the war began almost all of the higher schools organized special mechanical shops which produce for the front. The machines in these shops, which are most frequently managed by skilled university engineering teachers, are manned by young men and women students. Working as turners, drillers, milling machine operators, they keenly live with one another in mastering all the mysteries of their trades, and in stepping up production.

## EVERYTHING FOR WAR

Mention must be made of one more form of student and professorial activities in production to help the front. A number of engineering universities have organized a thorough study of trophies with a practical object in view, of course. Initial results are already apparent and have been reported to the industrial enterprises concerned.

At the same time classes continue, for the war has not brought studies in any university to a standstill. In spite of the siege of Leningrad, the State University, far from discontinuing, intensified its studies which continued uninterrupted throughout the school year. Thus during the first year of the war the students solved more than 70 important scientific problems,

many of which were of great value for the war effort. Even those universities which were forced temporarily to evacuate to other cities resumed their work immediately upon reaching their destination.

These are the sons and daughters of the great family of peoples of the Soviet Union. The Soviet students, together with their professors and teachers, constitute a loyal detachment of patriots, self-sacrificingly fighting for the honor and glory of their country, to bring about the final triumph of the progressive forces of the world, which in the last analysis, will put an end to the common enemy of progressive mankind, of science and culture—fascism.

## Fires Raged in Budapest, Say Soviet Fliers

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

MOSCOW, Sept. 8.—The first air attack of Soviet long-range bombers on Hungary's capital, Budapest, were extremely effective, according to reports here by some of the fliers who took part in the raid. Big fires were started among military targets and factories bombed by the Soviet fliers.

Guard Captain Kilemchenko, the navigator of one of the planes, related: "When we approached the city we noticed the searchlights being brought into action, followed by the anti-aircraft guns. But soon everything was quiet. The electric lights in the center of the city were switched off, but the suburbs remained illuminated. Thus Budapest was encircled with a ring of light."

"We bombed military targets in the central and southeastern parts of the city. Several other planes dropped their bombs simultaneously with mine. We noticed large fires in the southern and northern parts of Budapest."

Airman Stepanenko bombed factories in the eastern and southern parts of the city, and caused two large and seven smaller fires.

## Hawaiian Official Held by U. S. Army

HONOLULU, Sept. 8 (UP).—Sen. Abe, territorial senator from the Island of Hawaii is being held in "custodial detention," U. S. Army headquarters disclosed.

Army authorities did not reveal why Abe, a former member of the Hilo Police Department, was held. Abe was arrested several weeks ago on charges of illegal possession of a Japanese flag, but the charges were dismissed because regulations prohibiting such possession were not effective until Aug. 20.

# Nothing Too Good for Soviet War Orphans

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

MOSCOW, Sept. 8.—Care for children, which always held the central attention of the Soviet Government, has now become a far more complex matter in connection with the evacuation to the interior of large groups of children from the front zone or from temporarily occupied districts.

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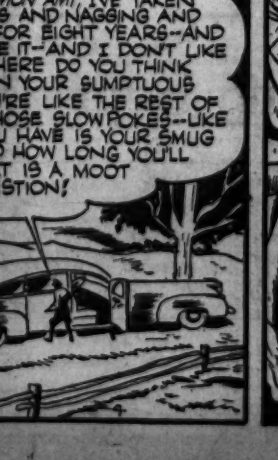
with our correspondent.

Two hundred thousand evacuated children are maintained in 24 regions of the Soviet Union, Chelyabinsk, Kirov and other regions have more than 200 institutions each for evacuated children. The health departments, trade union bodies and the entire Soviet public were faced with complex tasks. It was necessary to prepare premises, furnish home as boarding schools, organize feeding service.

In spite of the hard conditions of the first months of the war, the health departments and the public coped with this task. The boarding schools were given the best buildings. Collective farms undertook patronage of the schools. Today there is not a single home or boarding school that has not its own auxiliary farm.

Extra foodstuffs are allocated for the children's institutions in the liberated districts. Children's dining rooms cater to 20,000 youngsters in Sverdlovsk, 25,000 in Chelyabinsk

## THE ADVENTURES OF PINKY RANKIN



By Dick Floyd



# Labor-Employer Drive to Be Nelson's Ace Gives Green Light to 5-Men Committee

By Adam Lapin  
(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—Donald M. Nelson has agreed to make the labor-management production drive one of the most important devices for speeding arms output and breaking bottlenecks.

WPB officials informed "Daily Worker" that Nelson will give a five-man labor-management committee, which will be set up in the next few days to run the drive, authority to do a real job.

Appointment of this joint committee was one of a series of proposals submitted to Nelson last week by CIO President Philip Murray and AFL President William Green for the purpose of increasing labor representation in the production set-up.

One of the suggestions at the meeting was that the five-man drive committee be permitted to table industry-wide production problems by calling conferences of labor and management to consider the situation.

It is understood that Nelson has agreed that this would be a good idea, particularly in industries where bottlenecks have developed which are slowing up production.

Another major change will be transfer of the production drive out of WPB's information division. The new five-man committee, consisting of two labor representatives, two from management and one representing the public, will report directly to Nelson.

There are now 1,300 labor-management committees in local plants as part of the production drive. Many of these committees have already been credited without standing production achievements.

But the drive has been handicapped by the lack of adequate national direction. Local suggestions which have improved production have not been applied on a larger scale, and rejection of a particular idea by either labor or management of a local committee has been final. There has been no appeals machinery of any kind.

**COORDINATION NEEDED**  
It is expected that the national production drive committee will now be able to coordinate activities of the local committee and to see to it that good suggestions are given broader application.

Many dollar-a-year men have never been too enthusiastic about the labor management committee and have at best regarded the production drive as fulfilling bellyhoo and morale functions.

This explains why the drive was put in WPB's information division. Selected to head the drive was Michael Strauss, an experienced government publicity man who for years handled press relations for Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes.

Strauss, who did not, of course, have any production experience, will now be superseded by the new labor-management committee.

In addition to accepting the proposal for a top labor-management production drive committee, Nelson agreed to appoint labor representatives to important WPB administrative posts and to take steps to assure labor a greater voice in WPB's industry branches which are in charge of conversion and other important problems.

The CIO and the AFL are expected shortly to submit lists of names to Nelson from which he will choose labor representatives in WPB.

## Gov't to Probe Jim Crow on Railroad Lines

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CHICAGO, Sept. 8.—Discrimination against Negro railroad workers will be probed by a sub-committee of the President's Committee on Fair Employment Practice, it has been announced. Milton P. Webster, international vice-president of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters and a member of the Committee, has been named to head the sub-committee.

Work of the sub-committee will include hearing of testimony concerning discriminatory practices and extensive, independent investigation by Committee representatives.

According to the announcement of the Committee, the situation will be probed in regard to "Negro railroad workers, including firemen, hostlers, brakemen, switchmen, shop crafts, and other railway vocations on the question of discrimination practiced against Negroes by displacing them with younger white workers and denying them promotional rights."

Announcement of the Committee's swinging into action has been greeted here by leaders of Committee on Railroad Employment which has been conducting independent activity in gathering complaints and testimony regarding discrimination and urging action by the President's Committee.

Under the auspices of this local Committee on Railroad Employment, 75 Negro railroad union leaders from 13 roads in Chicago met on August 5 and pledged their whole-hearted support for a national hearing by the President's Committee.



**BERNICE SCOTT:** "Without the union, the battle to get us jobs would have been lost."

**ADA PINN:** "My husband and brother are fighting Hitlerism in the U. S. Army. I'm fighting it here."

**VIVIAN BLAE:** "Those mugger stories are lies. We girls with war jobs are the kind of people that come out of Jamaica."

**CYNTHIA GREENE:** "The colored and white girls get along lovely together. And we keep the same pace as the men."

**MARIAN BOWSER:** "It's just as much our place to fight this war as it is the white people's."

**MILDRED BROCK:** "The Jamaica Red Cross wouldn't take our blood. They just left us sitting there for two hours."

# Negro Girl Workers So Good That 'Army Told Us to Put Names on Guns'

By Ann Rivington

If you watch the women workers at the Gulick plant in Long Island City troop down 46th Road to the subway any day just after 5 P. M., you'll see the rare sight of Negro girls strolling arm in arm with white girls.

There are now 15 Negro women on the day shift—five more on the night shift—in this shop that employs 300 workers, most of them women.

Yesterday, this reporter stopped a group of the Negro girls as they were leaving the plant. We went together for a coffee, to talk about their jobs, the war, the fight to extend democracy to the Negro people.

The girls were surprisingly full of pep after a hard day's work making radio coupling for the air forces and anti-aircraft guns for the Army.

**HAPPY AT JOBS**  
They are happy, they said, because they are helping win the war on two fronts—by making war materials for the armed forces and by fighting discrimination in industry.

They've been at the plant between three and four months. Most of the group live in Jamaica and Corona, Queens. They work at foot presses, filling machines, sandpaper machines and assembly. All but two of them have sweethearts or husbands in the armed forces.

"We feel very capable," said Vivian Blae, pretty and piquant. She's an active member of the Jamaica Negro Labor Committee, which, together with Local 1227 of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, CIO, fought the battle to get Negro girls into this

plant, where they have always before been barred. "I can work faster than a man," was the gentle boast of Mildred Brock, a tall young woman with large earnest eyes.

Ada Pinn, secretary of the Negro Labor Committee, told how both her husband and her brother are "over there somewhere" fighting Hitler, and how she thinks about them while she works on the anti-aircraft guns.

**LAUDED BY ARMY**  
The girls said they were congratulated by U. S. Army officials for their work last Army Day. "They told us to put our names on the guns," the girls said laughing. The employers like their work, too, they added. "We had to fight to get on the job, but now we're here they have to admit the colored are among the most capable in the plant."

And the white workers are friendly. "Every one treats us right," said Ada, tossing her long curls back out of her eyes. "We all want it. So our men will come back quick. We've even sent telegrams to the President himself."

Then Vivian smiled, showing her dimples. "Speaking of winning the war," she said, "you'd better put it in your paper that we're boycotting the Daily News for publishing lies about the Negro people. Not a Negro girl in the plant reads the News."

No, and they won't read it, the girls said vehemently, speaking all together. "Marian added, 'We've got a right to fight this war just like the white people.'"

looking, is one of the crack workers in the plant. She's only been three months, but already the company has given her a voluntary raise of 5 cents an hour for outstanding work. She and Ada are working on foot presses.

"We're proving to all the Negro-baiters," Ada said, "that black fingers and brains are just as competent as white."

It's not in the shop only that these girls are fighting the war. They're all buying war bonds with 10 per cent of their pay. "You bet," said Marian Bowser, a quiet girl, one of the first to be hired in the Gulick plant.

Mildred told how a group of the girls went to the Jamaica Red Cross headquarters, to offer their blood. "They just said, 'Wait.' And let us sit there two or three hours. At last we went home. Now we all know they don't take Negro girls' blood."

But they refuse to be discouraged. "We want a Second Front fight away," said Ada, tossing her long curls back out of her eyes. "We all want it. So our men will come back quick. We've even sent telegrams to the President himself."

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## Air Raid Precaution Show At Polo Grounds, Sept. 18

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8 (UP).—"Action Overhead," a show designed to instruct the public in air raid precautions, will open at the Polo Grounds in New York City on Sept. 18, 19 and 21, the War Department announced today.

After its premiere, the demonstration is scheduled to tour all major cities in the East and Middle West. A complete itinerary will be announced later.

A presentation by the War Department's civil protection school, the show includes an aerial attack on a specially erected model community. As army planes fly overhead bombs are detonated within the buildings.

Civilian air raid units then will demonstrate proper techniques in fire-fighting, policing and rescue work.

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# Daily Worker Council for City To Hold First Meeting Sept. 17

The first meeting of the Daily Worker Advisory Council has been set for Thursday, Sept. 17 at 8 P. M. in Webster Hall, 119 E. 11th St.

The Council will consist of one delegate from each Communist Party Branch in New York City. The delegates will join a permanent body and elect a governing board.

The Council will examine every aspect of the Daily Worker and the Worker and will be empowered to propose measures to improve their

## Federal Grand Jury Looks Into Primary Fraud

(Special to the Daily Worker)

FORT SMITH, Ark., Sept. 8.—A Federal Grand Jury from the West Arkansas district has been ordered by U. S. District Judge John E. Miller to investigate reports of fraud and civil rights violations against Negroes in the July 28 and August 11 Arkansas Democratic primaries. Attorney General Francis Biddle ordered the investigation following many protests from all parts of the country.

Speaking at a luncheon of American Merchant Marine Institute, he urged officers and experienced seamen to register at the nearest U. S. Employment Service office from Sept. 8 to 18.

Dimock said his organization aims at buildings up an adequate supply of trained "standbys," available at a moment's notice to man merchant ships at any port.

The government and ship operators have a joint responsibility he said, to feed, clothe and return home the crews of torpedoed ships. Places are found where seamen may rest between trips, he said.

## Need Double Manpower for Merchant Ships

Marshall E. Dimock, director of the recruitment and manning organization, War Shipping Administration, declared yesterday that expansion of the merchant marine will require it to double its manpower in the next 18 months.

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# Marcantonio Begins Oklahoma Defense

(Special to the Daily Worker)

OKLAHOMA CITY, Sept. 8.—International Labor Defense attorneys begin oral arguments at 10 A. M. today in the Oklahoma Criminal Court of Appeals for four young defendants, who were sentenced to ten years in prison on a charge of possessing books by Karl Marx, Joseph Stalin and other Communist thinkers.

Representative Vito Marcantonio, president of the I.L.D., will point out to the court that the convictions violate the federal Bill of Rights. He will likewise emphasize the disruptive effect of such persecutions on national unity during the war. The state, in reply, has filed a brief, vilifying Soviet leaders and American Communists. The brief is signed by Attorney General Mac Q. Williamson; County Attorney Lewis Morris and his assistant, John Eberle.

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**Ready to Fight:** This photo, made in the Rue de la Republique, Lyons, unoccupied France, shows some of the 100,000 persons who gathered in a "Bastille Day" demonstration against the Hitler invaders. The picture was smuggled out of France and reached England recently. At the time the photo was made Vichy police were attempting to halt the parade.

## Highlights of FDR, Churchill Talks

Hitler's greatest fear—a second Allied front in Europe—has been agreed to by the United States and Great Britain, the fireside chat of President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill's report to the House of Commons yesterday reveal. Official statements in Washington and London also disclosed that the military organization for such an offensive was agreed to by U. S. and British military leaders at the end of July.

Important highlights from these speeches follow:

**"The European Area:** Here the aim is an offensive against Germany. There are at least a dozen different points at which attacks can be launched. You, of course, do not expect me to give details of future plans, but you can rest assured that preparations are being made here and in Britain toward this purpose. The power of Germany must be broken on the battlefields of Europe."

"Certain vital military decisions have been made. In due time you will know what these decisions are—and so will our enemies. I can say now that all of these decisions are directed toward taking the offensive."

"This is the toughest war of all time. We need not leave it to historians of the future to answer the question whether we are tough enough to meet this unprecedented challenge. We can give that answer now. The answer is 'Yes.'"

"The Russian Front: Here the Germans are still unable to gain the smashing victory which, almost a year ago, Hitler announced he had already achieved. Germany has been able to capture important Russian territory. Nevertheless, Hitler has been unable to destroy a single Russian Army; and this, you may be sure, has been, and still is, his main objective."

## FDR Message Jolts Defeatists

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"of the wage-hour law," said Brown, "are entirely too low to aid most workers. I don't know exactly what a fair minimum should be, but we are working on it."

As an indication to the attitude of farm-state senators, Brown said he had lunched with several and that they had tentatively advanced proposals for a 100 per cent of parity ceiling during the war, with an 85 per cent post-war floor. This would be acceptable to the administration.

There have been signs that the bold stand of the President on this issue has convinced farm senators that they must alter their attitude or face the wrath of the country. Senator Russell of Georgia, a powerful member of the Senate Agricultural Committee, and a general supporter of the President, has announced his accord with the President's message. Chairman Fulmer of the House Agricultural Committee has taken a similar position.

However, this does not mean that the fight is won.

### APPEASER STRATEGY

The strategy of the appeasers and obstructionists will be to delay action on the bill until after the Oct. 1, deadline set by the President, who warned Congress that if it did not act by this date he would have to act himself in the interest of winning the war.

The tactics of this clique will be to provoke a showdown if possible, and raise the cry of "dictatorship." This is the line laid down by the Chicago Tribune and the New York Daily News, and Ham Fish said it faithfully in his statement today.

"Mr. Roosevelt's ultimatum to Congress," he said, "is exactly what is to be expected from a third term President."

# They Want 2nd Front and Int'l Labor Unity

## AFL Unions Hold Meeting Tomorrow

### Repudiate or Else, Say Police to Petitioners

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didn't sign a "repudiation." In one case, a woman signer was so hysterical with fright at the prospect of arrest that a Communist canvasser who was interviewing the papers took her to the police station and forced the sergeant at the desk to admit that there was no such likelihood.

Many in Hudson have, however, reaffirmed their original signatures in statements to the canvassers.

In Saratoga County, similar attacks are being made by local legion leaders to compel "repudiations." In the village of Corinth is the president of the local bank, the Corinth branch of the Manufacturers National Bank of Troy, who's doing the dirty work. In Mechanicville, an executive of the city's largest industry, a paper mill, is trying to intimidate signers.

### NAZI INTIMIDATION

A devout Catholic woman with a newly born child is told that her child will be denied baptism if she doesn't sign the affidavit "repudiating" her signature. The affidavit is shown under the noses of the workers who signed the petition in a rude, contemptuous manner in a rude, contemptuous manner in a rude, contemptuous manner.

People are told to say that the canvassers had informed them that it was a Labor Party petition they were signing, not a Communist petition. They are told to say that it was a petition against drafting 18 and 19-year-old boys, that it called for higher pay for soldiers, etc.

But the legionnaires by no means have things their own way. In one family of four who had signed in a certain county, the grandmas refused to sign a Legion repudiation, and rallied the others to stand up for their rights. Many were like the housewife who told the legionnaires indignantly, "Of course I knew what I signed, and no one is going to tell me I didn't know."

Or like the man who said: "This is an insult. How can anyone avoid seeing the two-inch heading that says 'Communist Party.' Everyone in this town knew what he was signing."

In another county, the housewife who opened the door to the legionnaire told him she'd throw him out bodily after he told her his mission. Her husband, also a signer, threatened to go after his shotgun if he didn't beat it. This happened to be the first home visited in that county, and reports do not show that there were any others.

While the terror is most severe in Saratoga and Columbia counties, there are indications that it has started elsewhere. Observers believe that it may break out in a number of other places as well.

"It will be interesting to observe what the answer of this overwhelming Democratic Congress will be to a New Deal President who places a pistol against its head and says 'If you don't act by Oct. 1, I will rule by decree.' King Charles I of England was the last ruler of a free nation who tried to govern by decree."

"It reminds me of the famous saying of King Louis XIV: 'I am the State.'"

### VICIOUS ATTACKS

This pattern of vicious attack on the President is reminiscent of the famous Supreme Court battle of 1937 and the government reorganization fight of the same New Deal period. It is being used by the defeatists now to discredit the President as leader of our war effort.

Bald, bespectacled Senator Taft, the Ohio America Firster, was on his feet almost immediately after the reading of the President's message yesterday, shouting that the implications of the President's message made Congress "a shell of a legislative body."

"If that line of reason prevails," he yelled, "the congressional elections might as well be called off." Taft indicated today that he would push for action on the bill he introduced yesterday to create a board of inflation control with powers to fix both wages and prices.

What he wants to do is to disrupt labor morale by taking away from the administration the authority to stabilize wages along the lines of the War Labor Board formula.

The President's bold action in setting an Oct. 1 deadline for Congress is regarded as one of the most important war steps he has taken. It is the first time he has openly called the attention of the public to the fact that the 77th Congress has played a role of delay and disruption during this crucial

war period. It is a step comparable in many ways to the fight the President made in 1938 when he went before the people in effort to end leading Tories.

Members of Congress recognize the deadline for what it is. They note with anguish that it will come a full month before election day.

The very boldness of the President's position has had the effect of jolting some of his habitual opponents into pledges of action and support. Included in this category are the defeatist Senators Johnson of Colorado and McCarran of Nevada.

Throughout the anti-administration circles was dismay over the fact that the President, contrary to the advance press campaign, did not appoint a "war czar."

Both the President's message and his radio speech indicated the great extent to which his thoughts ran parallel to the CIO Executive Board's "war economy" statement of last week.

His statement of the entire 7-point program, and the keying of his entire message to this note was exactly the emphasis of the CIO statement.

Labor circles believe that the results of the cost-of-living survey submitted to the President by Justice Samuel I. Rosenman will take the form of an executive order which will coordinate all phases of the economic program, but which will await action of Congress on farm prices.

Labor further believed that the President had indicated his endorsement of the War Labor Board formula, which permits increases to compensate with rising living costs and to adjust inequalities, by stressing in his radio speech that "wages in certain key industries already have been stabilized on the basis of the present cost of living." This is a defeat for those who wanted to freeze wages.

### Act Now to Halt Upstate Terror Plot

#### An Editorial

Everyone devoted to our democracy must be deeply disturbed by the terror drive of American Legion leaders against the signers of the Communist nominating petition.

In Columbia and Saratoga counties that drive has thrown whole communities into turmoil. Threats of arrest, ex-communication from the church, loss of citizenship are used to compel "repudiation" of signatures.

Terror is now greatest in these two counties, though it will doubtless expand to others. The democratic, win-the-war people of the state must let the local officials know that fascism will not be tolerated here.

Let each trade union, each civic organization, and every single individual who wants to retain the free ballot write or wire protests without delay to:

District Attorney William F. Christians, Hudson, N. Y.  
Mayor Earl J. Colwell, Hudson, N. Y.

District Attorney John F. Doyle, Ballston Spa, N. Y.  
Mayor Homer Eckerson, Mechanicville, N. Y.

Also, send wires to Governor Lehman in Albany urging that he intervene at once to stop this storm troop terror.

### Senators Now Want Taxes on \$12-Week Pay

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(This one sensible measure would bring in a further \$200,000,000.)

3. Remove exemptions from tax-exempt bonds. (This prudent move would bring the government \$200,000,000 more.)

The President's suggestions were made with a view to laying taxes on those most able to pay, thus lessening the burden on low-income groups and making stabilization of prices, wages and cost of living more feasible.

The Senate Finance Committee's reply—delivered five months later, totally ignores the President's plan and does the exact opposite: it soaks the poor and punks stabilization.

The five per cent sales tax proposal was offered by Sen. Joseph P. Guffey, D., of Pennsylvania. Chairman of the Committee, Senator Walter F. George, D., of Georgia, favored the five per cent income tax on individual incomes of \$12 and over.

A fantastic "stamp assessment" scheme by Sen. John A. Danaher, R., of Connecticut, had already been turned down by the Committee.

The Administration's Treasury Department tax plan was arbitrarily rejected by the Committee.

### FDR Meets Challenge of U. S. Quislings

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the vast majority of Congressmen and Senators. The men supporting Taft come mainly from poll-tax states where elections are almost non-existent.

The New York Sun report from Washington also implied the possibility of disruptive civil strife against the Government's plan as follows:

"... as Farm bloc members see it... Congress is in a position of buying a pig in a poke or being forced to plunge the nation into an intestine war..."

The cry of "dictatorship" raised by the obstructionists in Congress comes from a gang which has admired Nazi Germany in public, which blocked every effort to halt the advance of Hitlerism and of Tokyo, and which today is the favorite of the Berlin radio analysts.

In crying "dictatorship," this crew is seeking to obscure the fact that its own handiwork is responsible for the criminal delay in effecting an over-all war economy.

In this respect even the President's plan for which the entire nation must still fight short of a full-fledged war economy in which the Government shall establish its control over the entire economic machinery for the speediest victory.

The extent to which sentiment is rapidly rising within the ranks of AFL unions all over the country for a second front at once and international trade union unity will be sharply outlined here tomorrow night.

The event which will focus attention on these two vitally important issues will be a mass rally here at Cosmopolitan Opera House, 133 W. 56th St. at 8 P.M.

Sponsored by thirty-five well-known AFL union officials in the city an expected capacity audience will hear such notable win-the-war Congressional figures as Senator Claude Pepper and Rep. Vito Marcantonio.

Prominent AFL officials, among them George Brown, president of the AFL Dining Car Porters; Frank Deila Penna, Bricklayers union leader; and others will address the crowd.

A statement issued yesterday by the sponsoring committee of AFL officials stressed the increasing desire of the millions of AFL members for international union unity to bolster the hitting power of the United Nations in the war against Hitlerism.

"This meeting," the statement read, "coming at a time when the Trades Union Council of Great Britain is acting on the unity proposals of the American Federation of Labor will show the desire of the members of the AFL for better coordinated activity among the labor bodies of the United Nations."

"Our meeting, calling for such cooperation, will give the backing of AFL members in New York City to President's Roosevelt's program for offensive action, made on Labor Day, and help rally the unions for military action against the Axis."

Among the endorers of tomorrow's meeting are Local 491 of the Bakery and Confectionery Workers, Mr. Gerald J. Duffy, Secretary of the N. Y. Hotel Trades Council; Mr. Arduille Sual, President of Cooks, Pastry Cooks and Assistants Union Local 99; Mr. Nathan Kaplan, business representative of ILGWU Local 8; Mr. Martin Cody, Secretary-Treasurer of the Hotel and Club Employees Union Local 6, and Miss Alice Markert, general organizer of Chain Service Restaurant Employees Union Local 42.

## CIO Electrical Union Votes for 2nd Front

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bers as well as lead the union of 435,000 in an advanced win-the-war program.

"We urge the immediate opening of a western front so that the war can be brought to a more speedy conclusion thus saving millions of lives," the resolution on the second front said.

"We condemn vigorously and without compromise pre-Nazi appeasers, fifth columnists, enemy agents and those who speak for them wittingly or unwittingly for delaying the opening of a western front by spreading rumors to which this union is contributing so much in material, labor and fighting men."

"We, together with the overwhelming majority of the American people, are ready to shoulder the responsibilities of putting this basic military strategy into action now; and that we, representing 435,000 war production workers who have already produced tremendous quantities of arms, pledge ourselves to give everything we can in fighting men, in production, in money and in patriotism to keep the second front open, so that our country and our allies may achieve a military defeat of the fascist Axis."

Carey's group was largely the same who last year campaigned for a red-baiting clause in the Constitution and unsuccessfully supported Carey for the presidency. They claimed that they are for a second front but said it is a matter that is entirely on the province of military authorities.

In the course of the discussion it developed, however, that in the ranks of the minority were some actual opponents of the second front who took refuge behind the "leave it to the generals" arguments. Their line was to paint a picture that left practically no possibility for a second front. A sample of this line came from Delegate Bragg of Local 113, Philadelphia. He recited an immense amount of figures to show that so great is the number of ships, tanks and other needs, so tremendous must be the loss of manpower, that probably years of preparations would be required.

**MAKES A BOMBER**

He completed his speech by lauding the President as the best friend labor has had in the White House and urging, therefore, leaving everything to his judgment. In the same breath he said that he personally voted against Roosevelt "three times," to the general laughter of the delegates.

"We don't want another Dunkirk," was the principal theme in Carey's speech. He, as all his supporters who followed him, hammered on the claim that expressing an opinion on the second front is tantamount to "repudiation" of the President and another speaker added Churchill and Stalin. A couple of speakers attempted to drag in the red herring but got nowhere.

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The discussion, working up momentum, reached its crescendo with deafening cheers, during the concluding speeches.

It was the speeches of Dave Davis of Local 155, Philadelphia and Ernest de Mayo of Local 118C Chicago that touched the convention's very soul.

**CITES MOLOTOV PACT**

Davis sharply rebuked Carey's supporters for interpreting a second front opinion as challenging the President.

"Let me remind you that the President, Churchill and Molotov have entered into an agreement for a second front in 1942, as far as I am concerned that is our policy and commitment as that date."

"As the charge of arm-chair generals. Well, you know there are tax experts. But do we say leave the tax matters to the tax experts?"

"A few months ago who would have dared to say that we would have anything to say in production? But we do now."

Davis declared that the call for a second front now is an expression of support to the President and assurance that the front will be maintained. Some one had earlier cited the President's speech lauding the Red Army's ability to kill Nazis and smash tanks.

"Yes," replied Davis, "they are killing Nazis and smashing tanks as long as there is a Russian front. But what will happen if there isn't any?"

"I come from a part of the country," said de Mayo of Chicago, "where the Tribune would have the people think that the war is Roosevelt's mistake and that instead of opening a second front we should have a negotiated peace."

De Mayo then cited the President's announcement that he is taking his economic program to the people if Congress fails to act and suggested that the same policy be followed with respect to prosecution of the war despite the appeaser forces. This hit the "cord and the convention roared its top ovation thus far."

Replying to the Dunkirk argument, de Mayo said: "If we don't want any more Dunkirks we'd better strike while 98 to 95 per cent of Hitler's forces are occupied in the east."

The discussion on the war production resolution, was somewhat eclipsed by the battle on the second front, but it was no less vital. The speech of Delegate Nixon drew a general picture as he saw it from Washington and it fitted perfectly to what the delegates see in their plants. He reviewed the struggle the UE had to wage to force companies to convert to war production. Now the same fight is against the influence of big business in the WPB machinery. He pointed to dislocation due to planlessness and lack of coordination. The speeches from the floor underscored what he said with more evidence.

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## Nazi Push Checked Around Stalingrad

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ing the past 24 hours the direction of their attack has changed slightly. After the Soviet units digged German troops from a number of inhabited points northwest of Stalingrad, the battle has now shifted west of the city and simultaneously is continuing in the southwestern area.

In the latter area, the scale of the fighting is increasing and the battles are raging with intensified fury. During the past two days the enemy launched several large-scale attacks, attempting to close in on the city, but time and again was thrown back, suffering heavy losses.

Nevertheless the German troops are continually launching new attacks. West of Stalingrad the fighting is centered mainly near fortified districts which the enemy had established with the object of meeting the Soviet flank blows. Especially fierce fighting is in progress in places where the enemy attempted to break through to the city.

On a number of sectors Soviet units are inflicting heavy flank blows. Thus in the vicinity of one height where the Germans dug in their tanks, and built a chain of fortifications a Soviet flank blow forced the enemy to abandon the height.

Heavy fighting is reported in the Novorossiisk area, where the Soviet units fell back under pressure of superior enemy forces. The Germans are concentrating large masses of infantry and tanks in the Novorossiisk area, at the same time continuing their attacks on several sectors. The Soviet units are fighting under trying conditions. The enemy succeeded yesterday in driving a wedge into the Soviet defenses.

In the Mosdok area Soviet troops launched several successful counterattacks, wresting the initiative from the enemy. In one direction the Soviet units pressed the enemy back, recapturing inhabited points. The enemy suffered heavy losses.

Simultaneously the fighting continues on the southern bank of the river where the Soviet troops are bent on wiping out the enemy landing parties.

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**Rev. Gannon Sheds Belief In Isolation**

Rev. Robert I. Gannon, president of Fordham University, told 1,300 students at the school's 102 annual mass that he had shed his coat of isolationism and was thankful that President Roosevelt had not heeded the call of isolationists and refrained from helping our allies.

"If he had listened to us," Rev. Gannon told the students, "China, Russia and Great Britain would now be prostrate and we would be facing the zero hour alone and unprepared."

Paying tribute to President Roosevelt, Rev. Gannon went on to point out that "We used to say that if the Soviet Union were wiped off the face of the earth it would be good riddance..."

Then he continued, "Today it is humiliating but many of us are ready to stand up in meeting and confess that we were wrong and he (Roosevelt) was right."

**Anti-Poll Tax Bloc Confident Of Victory**

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tax provision in the Ramsey Bill originally, the measure was opposed from the start by Southern poll-tax Congressmen who feared any extension of democratic rights.

Later the Senate passed amendment specifically covering the poll tax question, extending the right of soldiers to vote to primaries and also permitting soldiers outside the continental United States to vote.

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## Soviet Girl Sniper to Be Guest of Honor at Local 65 Ceremony

Lt. Ljudmila Pavlichenko, guerrilla fighter heroine of the Soviet Union, will be a guest of honor at the Sept. 19 official opening of the new headquarters of Wholesale and Warehouse Workers Union, Local 65, CIO, at 13 Astor Place.

Arrangements for the appearance of Lt. Pavlichenko were today confirmed by Mr. Zaikin, Consul General of the USSR.

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# Henderson Follows Up FDR Speech

## Warns Profiteers and Rent Chiselers

(By United Press)

Price Administrator Leon Henderson announced today that OPA's price control regulations, bolstered by President Roosevelt's "new offensive" against inflation, hereafter will be enforced "to the hilt."

"Our tolerance is exhausted," Henderson declared in a speech prepared for delivery before the Research Institute of America.

Striking at "chiselers" and warning of "disaster" if the price control program fails, Henderson asserted that "we may now assume that ignorance is no longer an excuse for price, rent and rationing violation."

"It never has been a legal excuse," he said. "But we have from the beginning recognized that in an economy as vast and complex as ours the task of adjustment is also difficult and complex. We have sought to be tolerant."

### GET TOUGH POLICY

Henderson offered as one reason for OPA's new "get tough" policy the report from some war plants that violations of rent control in war-boom communities had resulted in more lost time than had been lost by strikes because the workers spent so much time finding a residence.

He urged consumers to trade only at establishments complying with price regulations.

"This is not an 18th amendment game we're playing. This is life and death. There is blood on the sands of the Solomon Islands—American blood—and on the coast of France, and in the desert of Africa.

"American sailors are dying on the Atlantic and on the Pacific. Many heroic merchant seamen, whose magnificent contribution to this war will some day be adequately written, have died to get you gasoline. Others are dying to carry around the world the weapons and supplies our forces need to fight."

Henderson said that Americans so far have "little cause to complain about what the war has done to most of us here at home." He pointed to growing pay checks, rising farm prices, large profits, and diminishing unemployment.

Describing President Roosevelt's decision to control wages and farm prices as "inevitable," Henderson said "it becomes increasingly demonstrable—that it is no longer theory—that we can't have part of our economic forces controlled while other powerful elements remain uncontrolled."

"We face an increasing menace to the whole society if prices, wages and profits are not held in balance and under certain restraints straight across the board."

Henderson said OPA would not

## Harlem Spurs Rent Control

The 10-day offensive against Harlem's excessive rents has gained momentum, according to all reports.

That offensive got under way last Sunday at the Union Baptist Church, 240 W. 145th St., as a campaign to collect 100,000 signatures to the following petition, addressed to Price Administrator Leon Henderson:

"We, the undersigned, American citizens and tenants of Harlem, hereby petition Leon Henderson, Director of Price Administration, Washington, D. C., immediately to designate Harlem, New York City, a rent-defense control area under Public Law 421, the so-called OPA Price Control Law, and to set a ceiling on rents as of January first, 1941. We petition him also to establish an office strictly to enforce rules and regulation of OPA Rent Control for 500,000 patriotic and loyal residents of New York City, whose sons are fighting and dying for democracy throughout the world."

Edgard G. Brown, director of the National Negro Council and active head of the drive, arrived in New York from Chicago to speed the campaign.

At all Harlem churches last Sunday volunteer workers were swamped with requests for petitions and with slips of paper giving information about houses where rent increases had taken place since January 1, 1941, the conditions of such houses, and landlord violations of fire and other tenement laws.

"To the limit of our ability, we in OPA will meet that challenge."

Mr. Brown said last night:

"Before March 1, 1942, there were only 20 communities in the United States under OPA Rent Defense Control, among them Detroit, South Bend, Ind., and Sioux City, Iowa. The designating of a price-control area and the fixing of the rent as a ceiling as of any date back to April, 1940, is authorized by Public Law 421, the Price Control Law. The Price Administrator, therefore, has the right, by law, arbitrarily to set up rent control areas."

For that reason, Mr. Brown said, there was every expectation that Price Administrator Henderson, seeing 100,000 signatures and "tons of proof" before him, will heed the demand of Harlem for a rent ceiling.

When the proposal was made last Thursday to Deputy OPA Administrator Paul Porter, Mr. Brown said, "he showed interest and promised to review the New York situation." Mr. Porter has immediate charge of all rent-control areas.



More Ships—And Still More: Prefabricated ships are being turned out in less than 20 days in the west coast shipyards of Henry J. Kaiser. Giant cranes, shown above, are swinging an entire forepeak into place on a vessel under construction at the yard.

## OPA Acts to Maintain Quality of Merchandise

By Louise Mitchell

Widespread chiseling on quality, workmanship and measurements of consumers goods has forced the Office of Price Administration to set up a Standards Division "to police" quality standards.

OPA head Leon Henderson yesterday announced that the newly-created division will provide OPA operating divisions with specific standards for all goods covered by price control regulations.

The division will use the standards set by the Bureau of Standards of the Department of Agriculture, the War Production Board and other public and private agencies.

These standards, which must be met if price control is to be effective, will include definitions of quality and may require goods to be identified and labeled accordingly. The new division will also develop standards for rationed goods so that consumers will get fair quality as well as quantity when buying rationed commodities.

LONG NEEDED  
Consumers have long been asking for grade labeling and quality standards for all merchandise as the best insurance against quality deterioration.

"Though the General Maximum Price Regulations demand that original quality be maintained, profiteers during the past few months have devised their own schemes to cheat the public. The new racket is known as 'hidden' price increases."

When a consumer pays a ceiling price of \$1.50 for a rayon slip and gets a "skimpy" ill-made garment, she is being overcharged. Manufacturers get around this illegal substitution by changing the name of the slip from, let's say, Daisy-Mae to Lovely Slip. The new garment is put out as a new item, but in reality is the same slip, higher priced.

Another racket used by manufacturers to evade price control is simply to discontinue lower priced grades which forces the consumer to buy the higher-priced ones. In most cases, the quality remains the same. The practice is prevalent where manufacturers put out several grades of the same brand.

In both cases, substitution of cheaper materials and workmanship and the elimination of lower-priced grade and brands, the consumer is paying more than he should.

Government action to "police" quality standards is excellent. But consumers must continue to bring all cases of quality debasement to OPA's attention. The public can help in this tremendous job of "policing" standards.

Active Partners  
FDR vs. Cynical Press  
by Herbert Benjamin

"There is still a handful of men and women in the United States and elsewhere who mock and sneer... They are few in number; but some of them have the financial power to give our enemies the false impression that they have a large following among our citizenry. They play petty politics in a world crisis. These puny prophets decry our determination to implement our high concepts and sound principles. And the words of these little men of little faith are quoted with glee by the press and radio of our enemies."

President Roosevelt, our Commander-in-Chief in this war of survival for our country, thus characterizes and stigmatizes those who use their financial power to undermine the faith of the American people in the cause for which we are fighting.

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Consumers have long been asking for grade labeling and quality standards for all merchandise as the best insurance against quality deterioration.

"Though the General Maximum Price Regulations demand that original quality be maintained, profiteers during the past few months have devised their own schemes to cheat the public. The new racket is known as 'hidden' price increases."

When a consumer pays a ceiling price of \$1.50 for a rayon slip and gets a "skimpy" ill-made garment, she is being overcharged. Manufacturers get around this illegal substitution by changing the name of the slip from, let's say, Daisy-Mae to Lovely Slip. The new garment is put out as a new item, but in reality is the same slip, higher priced.

Another racket used by manufacturers to evade price control is simply to discontinue lower priced grades which forces the consumer to buy the higher-priced ones. In most cases, the quality remains the same. The practice is prevalent where manufacturers put out several grades of the same brand.

In both cases, substitution of cheaper materials and workmanship and the elimination of lower-priced grade and brands, the consumer is paying more than he should.

Government action to "police" quality standards is excellent. But consumers must continue to bring all cases of quality debasement to OPA's attention. The public can help in this tremendous job of "policing" standards.

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our suspicions of their purpose. When a National Coordinating Committee for the Women's Auxiliary was set up, he kept control of it through his daughter Kathryn, chairman.

Funds were not made available for the committee to properly carry on its work. It is noteworthy that auxiliaries sprang up among miners' wives before the Lewis regime and when and where there were independent unions. The only real fields they exist in today is West Virginia where there is a strong anti-Lewis opposition which is wholeheartedly supported by these auxiliaries. The reluctance of Kathryn Lewis, with her "America First" commitments gave the Women's Auxiliaries a chance to recapture the attention and solicit the support of their brothers in the progressive unions.

In November last year the CIO convention, Resolution R-17 "reaffirms its support of trade union education among women"—and "urges its Executive officers to promote correlation of activities among such Ladies' Auxiliaries in the interest of the CIO affiliates and the national organization of the CIO."

At the same time the convention was in session, 82 women delegates from 67 organizations and 13 states met to form a "Congress of Women's Auxiliaries of the CIO," with permanent officers, and bylaws. A splendid program was developed in session, a full endorsement of President Roosevelt's foreign policy; on training women for defense; against discrimination; greetings to the Soviet, Chinese and British women; opposition to the so-called Equal Rights amendment and a pledge of fullest and most active support of the CIO were the most important.

### AUXILIARIES EXPAND

Mrs. Paye Stevenson, of Cleveland, Ohio National President of the CIO Women's Auxiliaries is from the United Auto Workers Union. Her two able co-workers, Mrs. Julia Katz, National Director, and Mrs. Eleanor Fowler, Secretary-Treasurer have offices at 1407 L St., N. W., Washington, D. C. If your husband, son, brother, or sweetheart is a member of a CIO union and there is no woman's auxiliary for you to join, write for advice and guidance. They will gladly furnish literature and full information on how to set up auxiliaries to CIO unions, anywhere in the U. S. A. Close to 30,000 copies of an excellent pamphlet called "Union Wives" has been distributed. A lively "News Letter" goes regularly to their affiliates.

Since the convention three new state councils have been established in Connecticut, Indiana and Michigan. Now Pennsylvania, Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, and Wyoming are in process of formation. Six hundred and fifty local auxiliaries are connected with the Washington office. There surely are more around the country, which should of course, be recognized, no matter how eloquent or laudatory, will not build or sustain the auxiliaries. It is necessary for International Unions to (1) help organize auxiliaries; (2) see that their auxiliaries become affiliated to the Congress of Women's Auxiliaries; (3) make a contribution to the CWA treasury. The Steel workers recently contributed \$200 and the Newspaper Guild voted \$50 a month to help organize an auxiliary to every local. Every international should do likewise.

Every CIO brother should gladly bring his woman folks to a meeting and help organize an auxiliary. They in turn will help unionize the 12,000,000 unorganized women workers in America. How about it, especially you men who read the Daily Worker—miners, steel, oil, aluminum, maritime, furniture, rubber, transport, fur and textile workers? Let the sisters who were your second line of defense in all your struggles hear from you now. An auxiliary to every local—every wife an auxiliary member is the CIO order of the day. Bring it up at your next local meeting, brother.

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## The Roosevelt-Churchill Speeches and 2nd Front

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT in his broadcast to the nation and to the world said a number of things which the peoples have been desperately wanting to hear. He made it clear that in Europe the aim of our policy is an offensive against Germany, whose power must be broken on the European battlefields. He said that military decisions have already been made for the offensive. He declared that the war will be won by the coordination of all the power of the United Nations acting in unison.

In his speech to Commons yesterday, Prime Minister Churchill's speech ran along parallel lines. He said that Dieppe was a preliminary to full-scale operations. He called attention to the rapid influx into the British Isles of United States and other troops. He stated that we have the means of victory in our hands provided the United States and England do their utmost to bring their full power to bear.

The revelation that at a secret military conference in London during July military decisions had already been made for waging the global war confirms the impression gained from these speeches that preparations for the opening of a second front in Europe are well under way.

Other sections of the speeches reveal that a number of important questions relating to the timing and scope of operations in Europe and to the decisive importance of the Western Front have not yet been satisfactorily settled. Churchill referred to the complete unanimity of view which prevailed between England and the United States on war strategy since July. He remarked that during his recent conversations in Moscow it was difficult to make the Russians understand the problems involved in establishing a second front. These words indicate that

while we have progressed further towards unanimity, a completely unified strategy has not yet been achieved.

It is even more difficult for the peoples of Britain, the United States and all the United Nations to understand why, after almost 15 months of the Eastern Front, the problems which are said to stand in the way of opening the Western Front have not yet been solved. Our Commander-in-Chief, as well as Britain's, expressed great confidence in our power to resist and even undertake the counter-attack on the other battlefronts of the global war—in the Pacific Ocean area and on the Mediterranean front. They were certain also that the Soviet Union can and will stop the full fury of Hitler's hordes. We may well ask, then, why with our great accumulation of men and power we do not strike immediately, in great force, in Western Europe?

Labor and the people welcome the promise of action by our national leaders. They consider that preparations for the opening of the Second Front have progressed further. They are encouraged by the speeches of Roosevelt and Churchill to rally the nation even more firmly to the support of their victory policy as recorded in the June pact, and to the support of any offensive action which may be undertaken against Hitler in Western Europe.

At the same time labor insists even more emphatically than before that the Second Front, as a major land invasion of Western Europe, be opened immediately. They will support completely the decisions already taken for offensive action against Hitler, and will do everything in their power to assure their success. They will also continue to raise sharply their demand that the Second Front, on a scale approaching the Eastern Front, be opened immediately.

## Drive Them Out!

WHO has been delaying the Second Front in the United States?

President Roosevelt's fighting message to Congress and his fireside speech on the war have smoked them out.

The Congressmen and Senators who are raving and frothing today against the President's expose of their disruptions—these are the boys who have been helping the Axis by their opposition to the Second Front.

The realization of the Second Front, as pledged by our country and as demanded by its safety, requires a smoothly working war economy behind it.

The appeasers and Quislings in Congress know this. That is why they have been knitting the military policy of President Roosevelt behind a mask of economic activity, presumably having nothing to do with the fighting of our armies in Europe.

Today, the saboteurs in Congress, controlling vital committees, and bullying the rest of the Congress, are out in the open. The country sees them for what they are—deliberate opponents of a smashing victory over Hitler.

Some of these Congressmen and Senators have publicly praised Hitler and fascism. Some have visited Nazi Germany and have returned with cries of admiration.

Others have fought frantically, in such vicious movements as the America First Committee and others, against a crush-Hitler program. They have preached, and still secretly believe in, a negotiated peace with Hitler in the style of Laval.

FDR has driven them out of their hiding places. They stand up for inspection in the November elections. The people must drive them out of Congress.

To every candidate, the question must be put now: Do you support an immediate realization of President Roosevelt's Second Front agreements?

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## WORLD TODAY

## South Africa---II

By James S. Allen

WHEN Japan overran Southeast Asia, great alarm reigned in South Africa. Up to that time the war had seemed remote, although Afrikaner troops were to be found on a number of battle fronts.

The stupidity and blindness engendered by colonialism was revealed in the call to arms issued by a number of South African leaders. One well-known general, a national hero, orated against the "mighty yellow nation" that has "taken the hand of a Western nation which has thus far prided itself that it held the purity of race and the color bar as holy principles."

The basis upon which this "patriot" called for national unity was: "South Africa must remain a white man's country—our descendants must not become a bastard race."

A well-meaning Member of Parliament, arguing that the colored population should be permitted to share the burden of defense, clamored his appeal with the plea that the natives "are just as much concerned in keeping South Africa for themselves, and in keeping out a horde of yellow races, as any white man in South Africa."

DISCUSSING this kind of approach to the problems of national mobilization, Moses M. Kotane, the South African Communist leader, points out that racialism begets racialism. Talk of defending South Africa as a "white man's country" from a "horde of yellow races" cannot result in mobilizing a single native, in a country where eight out of every ten persons are colored.

Nor does such talk help to overcome the naive and dangerous belief among many non-Europeans that the worse that might happen to them if the Japanese come is that they would be treated as England treats the Afrikaners and other white races in her dominions.

The South African anti-fascists, of course, have already for a long time exposed the record of Japan at home, in China and in her colonies.

The key role of the Communists and trade unionists in war mobilization, despite the elaborate exclusion of the native population from national affairs, cannot be overstated.

They fight constantly against the conception among the native population that the defense of the country is not the concern of those who have no rights in it but is the concern exclusively of the white population.

Kotane, for example, wrote in a recent pamphlet on Japan:

"Bad as South Africa is, she is as much our home as she is that of the Europeans. South Africa is what we non-Europeans allowed her to be and in the future she will be what we ourselves make of her."

The only way the natives can win freedom for themselves and influence the course of events, he says, is for them actively to take part in the war and through their united efforts bring about the changes which are needed.

THROUGH their own organizations, such as the African National Congress, South African Indian Congress and the native trade unions, the non-Europeans demand that they be trained and armed to defend the country, that they be trained for skilled work in war industry, that there be equal pay, conditions and promotion in the armed forces, and that the segregation and trading restrictions be abolished.

Their leaders also look forward to the participation of the non-Europeans in the reconstruction of the country after the war. The Cape Standard, a leading organ of the non-Europeans, recently wrote: "If this remains a 'White Man's War' where will the non-Europeans come in after it is over? We all know that when this war comes to an end, we will have to face conditions which need good and proper planning to overcome. Our presence in large numbers then will be our only hope for fair play."

The fact that they are on the same side as the Soviet Union is a great inspiration to the native population. The same newspaper remarks:

"Today, we have an ally which has abolished color bars, and has proved to the world that without racial discrimination a government is able to resist any enemy."

"Our government which has pledged itself to be an ally of the Soviet Union should be made to see that its present policy of discrimination is in no way helpful to its ally, just as its policy is a terrible handicap for its own victory."

THE white trade unions have increasingly taken up the demands of the native workers. It was as a result of their joint action with the colored workers that governmental recognition of the non-European unions has been won.

The Cape Federation of Labor especially has played a leading role in pressing the demand for arming of the native population and equal treatment in the armed forces. The President of the Federation recently told the Defense Minister that he could promise a full regiment immediately for the emergency recruiting if non-Europeans were given equal rights in the armed forces.

Naturally, much more could be written on the problems of South Africa—the great influx of natives into industry, the superseding of gold mining by new war plants, the migration into urban and manufacturing centers from the land and the reservations, the further disintegration of the old Bantu world and of the "white superiority" mechanism.

The main thing is that the war through its necessities is speeding up changes which for some time already have become inevitable. The savior of the colonial peoples will come neither from Japan, Berlin or heaven. Their own forces will provide salvation. And these forces are moving.



Daily Worker Washington Bureau Washington, D. C., Sept. 8

NEWSPAPER stories on Attorney General Francis Biddle's report to Congress dealt mostly with statistics. They told how Rep. Martin Dies submitted to the Department of Justice a list of 1,121 alleged Communists in the government—and how Biddle revealed that only two employees on this list were fired.

These figures are significant. But I do not believe that the real story behind the Biddle report is to be found in statistics. It is not even to be found in Biddle's tart comment that Dies' charges were unfounded and should not have been submitted for investigation.

The real story of the Biddle report—and I think it is one of the most important stories of the last few weeks in Washington—is that the Department of Justice and the Roosevelt administration have formally abandoned the witch-hunt against progressives in the government. At least that is what the report says. Now it is a question of making sure that the language is translated into reality.

This witch-hunt reminded me of the novel by Vladimir Pomeroy told how French police and army officials assiduously and frantically hunted an obscure Communist chauffeur in the ordnance department while their country was crumbling before the Nazi onslaught.

I am not, of course, suggesting an outright parallel. The United States is not France. But our Department of Justice, like that of France, sometimes seemed to forget that we are fighting the Nazis and the enemies of our country are not the Communists but the agents and tools of the Axis powers.

AS the leading American spokesman of the anti-Communist line of Hitler and Goebbels, Martin Dies was the spark-plug and the principal propagandist of this witch-hunt in the government which lasted for more than two years. It is to Dies that "credit" must go for the special \$100,000 fund voted by Congress in June, 1941, for the investigation of "subversive" government employees.

But it must be stated for the record that Attorney General Biddle, and FBI chief J. Edgar Hoover cannot for a moment be cleared of responsibility for a witch-hunt which used up the time of trained investigators in chasing not Nazi agents but \$1,440

## THEY'RE SAYING IN WASHINGTON

## Biddle's Break With Dies

By Adam Lapin

a year government clerks who once made a contribution to Loyalist Spain.

Biddle actually asked Dies for the list which he now condemns as worthless. Only six months ago he told the House Appropriations Committee that he found the Dies Committee "most cooperative." On the same occasion he said that the FBI carries on an "immense amount of investigative work which comes from charges against alleged Reds in the government." Biddle wasn't complaining of this situation. He was boasting about the FBI's extensive red hunt.

Congress never specified that the investigation of government employees should be directed exclusively at progressives and alleged Communists. Biddle now agrees with the inter-departmental committee which he set up to study the situation that the time of trained FBI personnel has been wasted and that governmental morale has been undermined by ineffectual methods. Most important of all, he now says he approves the committee's recommendation that a sweeping witch-hunt of the kind which went on here should be discontinued.

It is true that Biddle sticks to his pernicious theory that the Communist Party is "subversive." This is a dangerous weak spot in his report and may lead to a revival of the witch-hunt at a future date. But the important thing is that there has been a public and official repudiation of the red witch-hunt. I do not think this development can be explained by a sudden change of heart on Biddle's part. I am afraid that Francis Biddle is still Francis Biddle.

What actually happened seems simple enough. The demands of the war situation have throughout the government been forcing an abandonment of red-baiting. The Navy has reinstated black-listed radio operators. Despite all the red-baiting by Biddle and others against Harry Bridges, the Army is now cooperating closely with Bridges and his West Coast longshoremen.

The Biddle report represents a shift away from the Martin Dies theory and practice of red-baiting—which is all the more significant considering the source of the report. Even Francis Biddle has been forced by the pressures and requirements of winning the war to repudiate some of his own red-baiting.

The corrosive red-baiting poison ate deeply into the whole government apparatus. Skilled union radio operators were barred from their ships by the Navy—at a time when there was an acute shortage of radio operators. Union Navy Yard workers were escorted from their jobs at the point of bayonets. The scope of this whole witch-

hunt should not be minimized. The morale of thousands of workers was damaged. It is true that only two on the Dies list were fired, but altogether 48 workers were discharged or disciplined. And during this witch-hunt, Axis agents continued to work for the government. It was only a few days ago that Walter Grey Matheson, a Japanese agent now under arrest, was booted out of the Rockefeller office in Washington.

IT is against this background that the real importance of the Biddle report emerges. Biddle now denounces the Dies list which he himself asked for. He now specifically repudiates his own theory that membership or activity in an alleged "front organization" is a basis for firing from the government.

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MARTIN DIES

## Worth Repenting

## Latin American Allies

"Latin American labor, Our Ally" is the leading editorial in the UE News of Sept. 5, which stresses the value of friendship with the labor movement of Latin America as a contribution to the United Nations. In part the editorial says:

Those who fail to reflect upon the importance of the people of labor in shaping the policies of government, may have felt that the fact that we have no enemies in the Western Hemisphere is due only to the Good Neighbor Policy, or to the actions of our State Department. That is not the case. The Good Neighbor Policy helps, as far as it goes, but our State Department certainly provides no very inspiring example of firm anti-fascist policy in its everlasting flirtation with the fascists Mannerheim, Laval and Franco.

It is not diplomats who can smile on Mannerheim, ally of Hitler, or on Laval, who announces his hope that Hitler wins, or on Franco, not only a friend, but an actual signatory member of the Axis—it is not such diplomats who hold the Americas in line, it is first and foremost the people of the Americas, led by their labor movements.

We in the United States should strive to bring the labor movements of the Latin Americas into closer cooperation and alliance with us, and with labor in the United Nations.

Such unity will strengthen them and their fight against fascism. Such strength as they gain will be strength also for us, for we are in the same fight.

Our brothers of Latin America have helped us and are helping us in our war against the fascists far more than we have realized. It is time to give practical recognition to that fact, and to build through cooperation even greater unity of the Americas against our common enemies.

Victory in the people's war against fascism demands unity of the people of all nations.

## Letters From Our Readers

Hitler's Ears in the U. S.—  
Let's Plug Them Up!

New York, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

There is still too much Munich poison infesting the air in Washington. This is one of the reasons why there have been so many delays, vacillations and unwillingness in high places to substitute defensive for offensive thinking and acting.

As long as this poison is not eliminated from our Government our enemy will be privileged to maintain listening posts in our midst—the Finnish, Vichy and Franco representatives in this country. It's time to jump into the waters of war, rather than keep paddling around ankle-deep.

A. G. D.

Honor Father O'Flanagan

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

After hearing a report on the recent death of Father Michael O'Flanagan, the Frederick Douglass Branch of the Communist Party (18 A. D. Kings) and its assembled Negro and white guests stood for a minute in silent tribute to his memory.

We pledged to carry on the work of this Irish patriot, anti-fascist and democratic leader of the Catholic masses. We vowed to fight the Franco supporters in our State Department who are now trying to cover the Butcher of Guernica with the sacred mantle of Spanish culture.

We call upon our brothers in the writing profession to popularize the life and deeds of this people's priest who is enshrined forever in the history of the Irish, Spanish and American people.

S. H.

Bouquets

Cliffside Park, N. J.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Orchids to the Daily Worker for its courageous stand against the latest Harlem smear. Also for its truthful stand on the smear against the Negro youth in Long Island.

I have been enjoying the serial "Village in August" by Tien Chen very much. A salute to the Soviet Heroine Liudmila Pavlichenko.

K. O.

## SIDESWIPES

by del



"... and Clive, doesn't that Finnish ambassador have the handsomest two faces you've ever seen?"



## CHANGE THE WORLD

Doughnuts and Corn Likker  
Have Made a Man of Fred—  
But Mike Prefers Vitamins

By MIKE GOLD

AMERICA has gone V-for-Vitamins. If this is one of those sudden fads to which America is prone, it isn't half as bad as were tom thumb golf, crooning or menckenism in their time.

The war is producing some interesting by-products. Among these is the discovery that in America, richest land on the planet earth, a great section of the people have been chronically undernourished. Vitamins are not a substitute for food, plentiful food, which can only be procured by the trade union treatment. But vitamins, I do believe, are a needed addition to the diet.

Horses, sheep, dolphins and squirrels do not need to take vitamins. They eat natural food, with all the vitamins intact. But scientific man robs nature's nourishment of its sparkle and life, and then has to pump these back again after painful discovery that denatured food is bad for the body.

Some of my best friends, including Fred Ellis, the famous cartoonist, tend to sneer at this vitamin craze.

I think this is a mere outcropping of old-fashioned prejudice. Fred Ellis, especially, who is nostalgic for the Gay Nineties without any shame, and who still believes the horse and buggy superior for fun and locomotion to the auto, thinks all this vitamin-hunting a fraud.

Fred chafes down to Benny's for doughnuts and coffee several times a day.

"There are more vitamins in sugar doughnuts than all your pills and powders," he growls, "and I can prove it by myself, as a consumer. After 40 years of doughnut taking, I enjoy superb health and need no artificial vitamins."

Doughnuts, Fred claims, are made of sunlit wheat and grains, with a coating of tropical cane sugar rich in vitality and vigor. What pill can boast of that?

But Fred has many funny ideas, and is always bitterly arguing with his doctors. He believes old-fashioned corn whiskey, for example, to be a sovereign remedy for stomach ulcers.

"Not bourbon or rye, but corn whiskey," says Fred. "Real corn liquor has a penetrating power. It gets up behind the ulcer and nibbles away until the darn thing just drops."

Corn whiskey also contains many vitamins, he says. So does tobacco, which grows in rich sunlight, out of a fat, vitaminated earth. "But one should never smoke without drinking booze," says Fred. "Smoking contracts the blood vessels. But drinking expands them—thus, to keep the blood vessels normal, one should drink and smoke at the same time."

As I said, Fred is a great cartoonist. I admire his drawings and paintings vastly. For medical advice, however, I go to a doctor of medicine, and if I learn that he is fond of painting and cartooning in his spare hours, I drop him like a hot potato, or a corn-fed ulcer.

But to come back to vitamins. The British government has bought millions of dollars' worth to feed to its people. Living so much in damp air raid shelters, underfed because of the sea blockade, etc., the people's health has become a great war problem. If a government needing munitions and food so badly spends millions on vitamins, the little pills have an obvious practical value.

Drug corporations are exploiting the craze, of course—there is faking and profiteering as usual. But if you are feeling low, try a daily dose on some doctor's advice. I have been taking them, despite Fred Ellis, and find them O.K. I know a dozen others who are taking them, and the glowing eyes, the ruddy cheeks, the shiny hair and the loud vigorous yells for death to Hitler all testify to the efficiency of the V-for-Vitamin pill.

## People in Occupied Lands Defy Nazis, WABC, 10:30

Joseph Warner, Piano Recital, WNYC, 5:30 P.M. . . . You Tell 'Em, Soldier, from Fort Hancock, WHN, 8 P.M. . . . National Radio Forum, WJZ, 10:15 P.M. . . . Further Examples of Protest Against Nazi Rule, WABC, 10:30 P.M.

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# The Low Down

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## The Dodgers Will Win—But They've Already Lost the World Series

Lessee now, where were we?  
May 2—"Dodgers to win by ten games, says Low."  
June 1—"Dodgers spreading league, race a walk-away."  
July 4—"Start the World Series, Dodgers are in."  
August 1—"Cards just about through."

Bought a paper this morning. Dodgers only 2½ games ahead of the Cardinals. Which just goes to show you how "expert" we experts can be.

But when all is said and done, the Dodgers WILL win the pennant, they've got all the cards stacked on their side, and we don't mean the St. Louis Cards either.

Take a look at the schedule. The Dodgers have seventeen games remaining on their schedule. Of those seventeen nine are with the Phils and the Braves, teams which are as inept at winning games as any in big league history. The Dodgers have already taken 14 from the Braves and 12 from the Phils, and there is no reason to believe that they will not continue that average for the remaining few contests.

And all these games will be played at Ebbets Field. On the other hand, the Cards have to meet the Cubs, Pirates and Reds in the last two weeks, and these teams, although weak, are not nearly as impotent as the Braves and Phils.

But even if the schedule didn't favor the Dodgers, they still would be in a first rate position to cop their second consecutive flag. With only 17 games for both teams to play and three full games separating them, the Cards would have to play something like .800 ball while the Dodgers were slumping down to a disastrous .400. The Cards HAVE been playing .800 ball for the past month and can likely continue to do so for the next month, but it is almost impossible to expect the Dodgers to collapse and not be able to win six or seven games out of 17. Which is what the Cardinals need to finish a half game ahead on Oct. 1st.

So it seems quite safe for that now unpopular bunch of toughies from Brooklyn. They will win the pennant, but it can be said here and now that they have already lost the world series.

The Dodgers didn't count on a replica of last year's nerve-wrecking last ditch fight with the Redbirds. Last fall they staggered into the series leading at the seams of exhaustion. It is likely that they will face the same situation this fall.

And the Yanks are slightly too good to be given that much of an advantage. The best way to do battle with the Yanks is to have about eighteen physically fit men playing two deep at all positions. Come in tired and not at full strength and the Bombers will do as sweet a job of blasting as you have ever seen. Which is what they have been doing these many years, isn't it?

### Louis-Conn Fight to Be Memorable

The War Department has just announced that Joe Louis and Billy Conn have been "authorized to meet" for the heavyweight title on Oct. 12, Columbus Day.

Both men are in the Army and it will be the first championship bout in history of such a character. And probably the last too. For it seems as if this will be the last fight for both men till the war is won. And that goes as well for all other fighters who are in the armed forces. Red Cochrane, the current welter champ, who meets Fritz Zivic tomorrow night, has already been ordered to Pearl Harbor for active duty there. Cochrane, who has been in the Navy for over ten months, is calling quits after this fight.

So it is that the Louis-Conn go will be memorable for more reasons than one. Louis has been waiting patiently for this fight, although he has been concentrating upon his soldiering in the Army. Joe is a fiercely proud man and he has never been satisfied with the thirteen round kayo he scored over the gallant Pittsburgh Irishman last year. And it has been a custom with Joe, whenever he has met a man twice, to put him away in half the time the second time out. You can be sure he will be out to do just that.

Louis wants to erase any doubt about his superiority over Conn, and after he does that he will go after the business of getting Mr. Hitler, a task he has been anxious to accomplish for the longest time.

# Dodgers Blank Pirates 4-0, Lead Cards by 3

## DAILY WORKER SPORTS

NEW YORK, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1942

### FLASH!

## Louis to Meet Conn Oct. 12

Corp. Joe Louis and Private Billy Conn were authorized by the War Department today to fight for the heavyweight championship of the world on Columbus Day, Monday, Oct. 12.

Promoter Mike Jacobs of the 20th Century Sporting Club was designated to handle the return match, proceeds of which will go to Army Emergency Relief.

No site was designated but the bout probably will be held at the Yankee Stadium in New York.

The champion, now a corporal stationed at Fort Riley, Kan., defended his title against Conn, stationed at Fort Wadsworth, Staten Island, N. Y., at the Polo Grounds last June. Louis was trailing the Pittsburgh boxer master on points when he knocked Conn out in the 13th round.

"Proceeds of the match will go to Army Emergency Relief and no private agencies will obtain any financial benefits," the War Department said.

"A committee of sportswriters, headed by Grantland Rice, is being organized to handle the fight."

The following committee, headed by Rice, had been appointed by the War Department to conduct the fight: Stanley Woodward, Art Flynn, Dan Burley, Joe Williams, Wilbur Wood, Bill Corum, Dan Parker, James P. Dawson, Bob Considine, John Kiernan, Dick McCann, Stanley Frank, Max Kase and Joe Commiskey."

Tickets for the third, fourth and fifth games of the classic will be sold in blocks of three. The first two games will be in the National League winner's park.

TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS AT TEN WQXR Organize listening parties to learn the Communist stand on the election issues beginning Sept. 10! Every Tuesday and Thursday at Ten p. m.

### Veteran Baseball Writer at Negro Games

## Calls Wells One of All-Time Great Shortstops of Game

By Scorer

When the Homestead Grays defeated the Newark Eagles at Ebbets Field last Sunday, only a few newspapermen were present. There was a Daily Worker representative, a press association reporter, and some members of the Negro press.

It happened, however, that in Ebbets Field that afternoon a veteran baseball writer strayed. He's a man who has covered big league games since 1923. He has travelled with the Yankees and the Giants, knows the great championship teams of 1927 and 1929. His head is a card index of players records, of anecdotes, and of technical information about players' styles.

He was watching Negro teams play for the first time last Sunday. Here is what he has to say:

"The Homestead Grays are a well-knit outfit, that can easily hold its own with major league opposition. I am not going on record with the statement that the Grays could break even with the Yankees or Dodgers, because I don't know enough about their training conditions.

"The player who impressed me most was not a member of the Grays, however. He was Willie Wells, the Eagles' shortstop. I'd say, off hand too, that Wells is one of baseball's all-time shortstops.

"He is 34 years old—which is supposed to be along in baseball years. But on what I saw Sunday, I'd say he's at his peak. He can go to both sides for balls with equal ease. He has a great throwing arm, and gets the ball away quicker than any shortstop around, even such speed marvels as Rizzuto and Reese.

"Gibson is a great hitter, a big fellow who fits into the category of large-sized catchers. I can't say how good his receiving is, for you have to watch a catcher over a long period to decide whether he handles pitchers well.

"The pitcher who impressed me most was Manning. He has fine speed, control and a good curve. Ray Brown also measures up to big league specifications as a hurler.

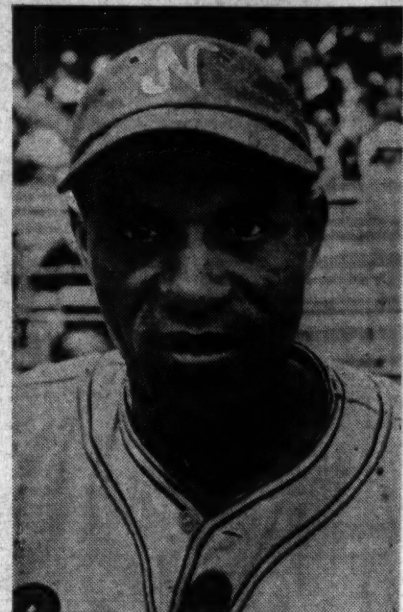
"In general the play was speedy, alert and of major league quality."

This opinion is offered as an expert, objective appraisal of two teams which stand close to the top in the Negro League's eastern loop.

Next Sunday at Yankee Stadium, the Grays, eastern champions will meet the Kansas City Monarchs, western champions.

The twin bill will be the opening gun in the Negro World Series. It will bring Satchel Paige once more to New York, this time seeking revenge for the 3-2 defeat he suffered last month in the Chicago East-West game.

The two Negro loops have contended for their own crown each year in a series of games which are played off in the same style as the major leagues' World Series.



WILLIE WELLS

With the conclusion of the regular season this week, about 160 Negro players are available for major league try-out. One week later, the players on the Grays and Monarchs, the cream of the present crop, will also be free.

The major league season does not close until Sept. 27. THERE IS STILL TIME FOR TRY-OUTS DURING THE REGULAR MAJOR LEAGUE SEASON.

FANS IN EACH OF THE ELEVEN MAJOR LEAGUE CITIES HAVE TIME TO ASK THEIR LOCAL OWNERS AND MANAGERS TO BRING NEGRO PLAYERS INTO THEIR CLUB FOLD.

ROOKIES ARE BEING CALLED UP FROM THE MINORS IN LARGE NUMBERS. THUS FAR, NO MAJOR LEAGUE CLUB HAS OFFERED A TRY-OUT DURING THE SEASON. THE PIRATES AND INDIANS HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY WILL TRY OUT NEGRO PLAYERS.

YOU CAN HELP SPEED THE FIRST MAJOR LEAGUE GAME IN WHICH A NEGRO PLAYER APPEARS IN THE BOX SCORE BY APPEALING TO YOUR FAVORITE CLUB NOW.

## .. Breezy Baseball Bits ..

Surging into September as No. 1 power-house hitter of the pennant-bidding St. Louis Cardinals, Country Slaughter's drive for the National League batting championship represents a 5-year plan of his own.

It was 1937 last time Enos captured a league title, the year he hit a cool .382 in 154 games for the Columbus Red Birds, American Association. It was the first time a freshman ever won the batting championship in the AA, Enos then being a 21-year-old junior up from the Cardinals' other Columbus, the Georgia team in the Sally League.

The swift North Carolina team who developed his throwing arm missing rabbits with rocks was leading the whole league in total hits at September's dawn. He and his junior partner, Stan Musial, were the hottest hitters in the senior loop, but Enos' most conspicuous statistic stands in the 3-bagger department.

The Cards in their drive through the East aiming to rush the Dodgers out of first place are doing it the dusty way, clouds of dust at every base when a Bird hits a ball somewhere around the infield carpet or along the outfield runways.

The speed in the legs of the whole ball club is what makes a Cardinal inning at bat no time for a nap.

Slaughter is close to their fastest, as well as their hottest hitter. Starting September he'll add twice as many trips as the best of the rest of the senior circuit's sluggers. He's a cinch for the 3-bagger championship this year, regardless of how he makes out for the batting title.

He's already topped all his former seasons of 3-bagger hitting except the 1936 campaign down in Aunt Sally's domain, when he hit 26. The all-time major league record of 36, set by the Pirates' Cliff Wilson back in 1912, is not out of his reach, though it will take a lot of dust-clouds through September to get him within striking range of the Chief's lefty nook in the all-time book.

MIZE DRIVES FOR HOME

Fraught with flag-tight thrills for Brooks and Cardinals, the Labor Day red-letter doings in a couple other National League ball parks spell the showdown in the

1942 All-Around Home Run Derby for a couple of burly baseball bashers. It's Last-Chance Day for Johnny Mize and Bill Nicholson.

Crashing circuit clubs on successive days in Pittsburgh and Chicago, Georgia John, the New York giant siege-gun, smashed his way into a tie for first place in the derby with Vince DiMaggio, Pittsburgh Pirate ace ash-slinger.

John and Vince have recorded homers in 7 of the 8 parent loop orchards. Labor Day stages the last visit of the Giants to Quakerstown this year, a holiday doubleheader with the fences already a-quiver.

DiMaggio's missing park is Boston, where the Pirates won't visit until Sept. 11. Nicholson's chances for trying Mize by hitting a homer in Cincinnati Monday depend on whether he has succeeded in hitting one in Pittsburgh Friday Saturday or Sunday. Those were the 2 parks Big Nick when Mize swept past him into that tie with DiMagg.

Philly Monday is John's last chance, but the giant Georgia is a great last chancer, however, when it comes to homers. In 1937, it got to the last game of the season, the last inning, Cards vs. Cubs at Wrigley Field, Chi. Mize, then clotting for the Cardinals, had homers in 7 National League parks. None in Chi.

His last at bat of the season! Bang! Home run! King of the All-Arounders for '37. No other slugger achieved all 8 parks. Ducky Medwick, Dolph Camilli and Rip Collins all had 7. Mize had 8, but he just barely made it.

In 1940, John again hit homers everywhere, though that year he had to share the laurels with a couple other first basemen. Frank McCormick and Dolph Camilli. If he makes it Monday he'll be the first 1942 all-around home-hitter, maybe the only one.

The Phils must win eight games in September to beat their 1941 record.

## Zivic: I'm Going to Flatten Cochrane Tomorrow Night

In a boxing career covering a dozen years of active campaigning, Fritz Zivic has never been more eager or more determined to win a fight than he is for his ten-round meet-

through the whole training grind and when two got into the ring I wasn't ready. Any amateur could have whipped me that night. It wasn't so much what Cochrane did but what I didn't do that cost me the title and I couldn't do a thing because I was in lousy shape.

"But boy have I worked hard for this one! Even Luke Carney (Zivic's manager) has told me to take it easy and that's something because Luke is pretty tough, you know, and always tries to get you to do more work. This time he says: 'Fritz, Don't overdo it.'"

"Somebody had a story where Cochrane says I can't take it in the body. Now ain't that funny? Me, a guy who has met all the best body punchers in the welterweight division for a dozen years, I'm going to tie this guy up in knots and then

## Head Hurls 4-Hitter As St. Loo Is Idle

Owen, Medwick and Camilli Lead Dodger Attack—Cards Meet Giants Today at P. G.

By Nat Low

Young Ed Head, a kid who wasn't figured on for much at the beginning of the season, won a very, very important ball game for the Dodgers at Ebbets Field yesterday when he hurled a pretty four-hitter to blank the streaking Pirates 4-0.

The victory gained the Dodgers a half game on the St. Louis Cardinals who were idle, and who now are three full games off the pace, a lead which is getting more and more difficult to whittle down as the season rapidly draws to a close.

As Head was setting the Pirates down one-two-three for most of the nine innings, the Dodgers were hitting Wilkie with comparative ease. Owen, Camilli and Medwick leading the attack.

The Pirates threatened only twice, in the first and ninth innings, but each time a clutch double play pulled the switch on the rally. The Pittsburghers filled the bases in the first but Babe Phelps rapped into a fast double play via Hernan, Reese and Camilli.

The Dodgers went ahead immediately in their half of the frame when Herman unloaded a double to left and Reiser singled him to third. Then after Medwick popped out, Dolph Camilli banged home his 52nd run of the season by shooting a single to right which scored Herman.

They almost scored again in the third when Reiser and Medwick on base, Dolph Camilli was purposely walked to load the bases. But Dixie Walker brought loud groans from the Ladies' Day crowd by hitting a soft line drive to Cochrane at short who doubled Reiser off second.

But the Dodgers made up for it in the fourth when they tallied two runs to lead 3-0. Owen, who he having a terrific year at the plate, shot a long double off the wall in right field. Vaughan singled through the center and Mickey scampared home. Head hunted neatly down the first base line and Vaughan kept going right around as the Pirates held the ball like amateurs. Then Arlie scored when Reese's bounder went right through Stewart at third for an error.

The last run of the game came in the fifth frame when Medwick shot a drive past third that scooted out to the Pirate bullpen in left field for a double. Camilli and Walker both went out meekly but Mickey Owen came through with a stinging drive into left to score Joe with the fourth run.

After that the Pirates went down with regularity and the Dodgers had picked up a vital half game on the Cards.

Today the Dodgers are idle but they will probably be out at the Polo Grounds rooting for the Giants to lick the Cardinals. It was Head's first shutout of his big league career.

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Wilkie and Phelps; Head and Owen.

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Detroit ..... 000 001 000-1 4 0  
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